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BAPTISTS LAUNCH CRUSADE FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Tithing And The Sunday School

By E. C. Williams

State Sunday School Secretary
THEY WILL KNOW GOD'S PLAN.

While the final step in this is to get people to become tithers, the first step is to inform them of the plan. We may understand the tithing plan without being tithers, but we will never become tithers without some knowledge of it.

There is no finer place in our church to teach the people (all ages of them) of God's plan of financing his work than in the Sunday school. Here they may come to know his way, which is through tithes and offerings. So, first, let's teach them.

MANY WILL BE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. As the people, all ages of them, are taught the Bible plan of (Continued on Page Five)

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A Threat To Freedom

By T. D. Toler, Jr.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., — Baptists and all Protestant bodies are objecting to the Supreme Court's ruling permitting the state of New Jersey to use public money for school bus transportation of parochial school pupils. But while we voice our objections, let us not lose sight of other things happening in the field of public aid to religious education.

Several bills have been introduced in Congress proposing federal aid for inclusion of their schools as recipients of part of this tax money. Not all Catholics agree with this attitude of their leaders. Many of them honestly believe in freedom of religion. But anyone who understands the Catholic system knows that the opinions of the rank and file of people and priests do not influence the policy of the hierarchy.

Perhaps we have been thinking that Catholics in this country have no intention of upsetting our religious (Continued on Page Two)

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WHERE OUR MONEY GOES

By Duke K. McCall

Southern Baptists have a right to know where their money goes. Figures in this article show what Southern Baptists do with the money they contribute to the Lord's work.

We usually show percentages by dividing up a round silver dollar which some individual is about to give. The figures below result from a division of the \$115,000,000 given all six million Southern Baptists in 1946.

Two Versus Ten

1. The total amount given by all Southern Baptists to every religious purpose in 1946 represented about 2 per cent of their net income. Compared with the tithe, or 10 per cent of their net income, which is the biblical (Continued on Page Two)

"ONE WORLD-ONE BOOK" IS BIBLE READING THEM

"One World-One Book" is the timely theme of the Scripture selections for the 4th Annual Worldwide Bible Reading, Thanksgiving to Christmas 1947 as released by the American Bible Society.

Under the sponsorship of the American Bible Society an effort is being made to enlist everyone in reading the Bible daily from Thanksgiving until Christmas. The hope is that the readers will become permanent readers.

The readings follow:

ANNUAL WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING, THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS, 1947

Thanksgiving

Nov. 27
Friday
Saturday

Sunday, November 30

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Sunday, December 7

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Universal Bible Sunday

December 14

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Sunday, December 21

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Christmas, December 25

Psalms 145

Psalms 103

John 3:1-21

John 1:1-18

Matt. 5:1-16

Matt. 6:19-34

Psalms 90

John 14:1-21

James 1

Phil. 2:1-18

John 15:1-17

Psalms 91; 121

John 17:126

I Cor. 13

Luke 15:1-10, R. 1:16, 17

Luke 15:11-32

Acts 17:16-31

Psalms 119:1-19, v.89, v.105

Psalms 67

John 4:5-30

Psalms 19

Deut. 5:6-27

II Tim. 3:12-4:8

Rev. 21:1-7

Isa. 53; Matt. 11:28-30

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:39-56

Luke 1:57-80

Isa. 40:1-5; Lk. 2:1-20, 40

"One Book"

"One People"

"One Truth"

"One World"

"One Law"

"One Crown"

"One Heaven"

"One Burden-Bearer"

"One Son"

"One Song"

"One Prophecy"

"One Saviour"

American Bible Society.

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The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent

CHURCH LEADERS HAIL SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Church representatives here generally welcomed the president's announcement that he had called congress back into session November 17 to consider Europe's plight and to prepare for ways in which to implement American aid abroad.

Church forces played a part in hastening the call. The unanimity with which church leaders greeted the prospects of a special session undoubtedly influenced the president.

Truman And Religion

It is evident, from President Truman's recent appearance at church gatherings, that he is placing emphasis on religion. Significant are his frequent statements and letters stressing the need for strengthening religious observances and his cooperation with religious and good will groups. Representatives of all faith welcome these outward manifestations of the president's interest in religion. His church attendance has had much (Continued on Page Five)

FIRST PROTESTANT MOVIE TO HAVE WORLD PREMIERE

NEW YORK — (RNS) — Completion of the first feature-length movie ever produced jointly by major Protestant denominations in this country was announced here by the Protestant Film Commission.

Entitled "Beyond Our Own," the motion picture will be first shown on November 10, when it will be presented simultaneously in 100 cities, including London, Melbourne and Manila. Ministers, religious educators and (Continued on Page Five)

FACING WINTER MINUS FOOD

EUROPEANS NEED AID TO PREVENT SUFFERING

By: J. D. Franks, D. D.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Franks, for many years Mississippi Representative on the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, to spend a year as a representative of Baptists and Church World Service in Europe. From time to time he will report his observations to Southern Baptists and furnish pictures which he has taken.)

GENEVA — Winter is fast approaching. To Americans that fact arouses no fears. American families

Status Of Religious Liberty In All Lands Will Be Made Known

Battle For Liberty Long And Hard Says Head of Baptists

By Religious News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A three-year world Crusade for Religious Freedom was launched here by Baptist leaders.

Crusade plans call for a survey of the status of religious liberty in every land, publication and circulation of a manifesto on religious freedom adopted by the recent Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, education of public in the principles of religious liberty, and correction of violations of these principles wherever found.

Start of the Crusade was announced at a meeting here of the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations by Dr. Stanley Stuber, of New (Continued on Page Two)

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Relief Committee Assures Additional Avenues For Aid To Poverty-Stricken

Dr. George W. Sadler, Director of the Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, has sent the following message to Southern Baptist editors following a meeting of the Relief Committee in Richmond:

"Those who visited Europe last summer have brought the conditions of poverty-stricken peoples of that part of the world into new focus. They are insisting that we act now in order that life may be saved during the months that are just ahead. A meeting of the relief committee of the Foreign Mission Board was held early this week. At that time our purpose to get food and clothing to our Baptist friends through Baptist channels was reaffirmed. It was also agreed that we would make efforts to open additional avenues leading to needy Baptists. Southern Baptists may be reassured that the relief committee is using every possible means of implementing their desires to meet the needs of suffering peoples of the world."

are singing their harvest songs, their barns well-filled and abundant supplies of all kinds of food safely garnered — no shortage of meat, grain, milk, fats, sugar and rich vitamin-producing fruits threatened. They have houses to live in — with light, heat, comfortable beds, warm clothing, radios, telephones, newspapers, magazines, books, and their dear ones around the family table. Their children go to school and church — laugh-

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BAPTISTS LAUNCH CRUSADE FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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York, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Religious Freedom. The Joint Conference Committee, which represents major Baptist bodies, will serve as a promotional agent of the campaign.

In his announcement of the Crusade, Dr. Stuber declared:

"The battle for religious liberty will be a long and hard one. It must be fought not merely within nations and governments, but within religion itself. Our experience in Europe this summer taught us that complete freedom is yet to be won for the so-called Free Churches in countries dominated by a State Church system.

"A State Church system," he continued, "which violates the very principles of democracy, is in a poor position to lead Europe into a new era of liberty and religious freedom. Moreover, a State Church which receives financial aid from the government cannot be absolutely free. And the Christian Church must, above all else, be free if it is to champion the causes which will set Europe free morally and spiritually."

Stuber said one of the major tasks of the Commission on Religious Freedom will be to break down the barriers between Free Churches and State Churches.

"We believe it will be for the good of Christendom itself if this is done," he declared. "Churches must work together on an equal basis if they are to cooperate in carrying out the larger tasks. When we have freedom within the inner circle we will be in a better position to promote it elsewhere."

The Commission agreed on a three-point program to be carried out on a world-wide scale this year.

The three points are:

1. To Codify the laws relating to churches and religion in every nation on earth.
2. To work for adoption of the so-called International Bill of Rights by the United Nations organization.
3. To offer help to new constitutional assemblies in the formation of national bills of rights for nations that are being born, or will be born.

"We are tremendously interested in the International Bill of Rights which has been proposed to the United Nations for inclusion in its Charter," Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations and a member of the commission, commented here.

"The commission wants to see clarified the clause relating to contributions by governments to religious institutions but for the most part we think the present suggested bill or rights will do, if it can be adopted."

Other members of the commission include Dr. Stanley I. Stuber of New York, chairman; Dr. M. E. Dodd, of Shreveport; Dr. T. G. Dunning of London, England; Dr. A. T. Ohn, of Oslo, Norway; Dr. Bredhal Peterson of Copenhagen, Denmark, and Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, of Rome, Italy.

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FACING WINTER MINUS FOOD

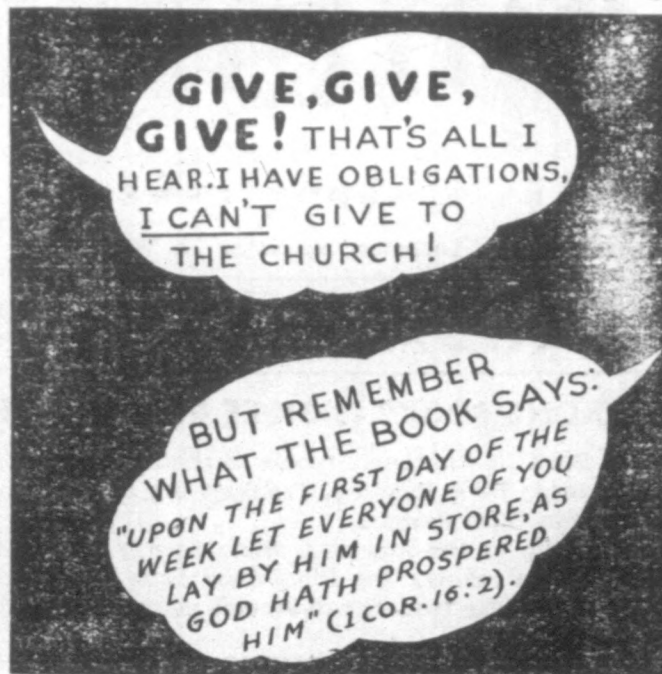
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ing, playing, no trace of anxiety in their faces, lest they go hungry and without shoes and warm clothing to protect them from the weather.

Winter Looks Dark

Not so in Europe. The winter months approach like the coming of a dark and threatening storm cloud—a harbinger of evil, promising suffering, distress, and even death. I have seen the dread of winter written in the faces of mothers, fathers,

"THE TITHE IS THE LORD'S"



pastors and others. I have heard it registered in their voices as they have plead for food, clothing, shoes, medicines, and supplies that would help them to endure the hardship of winter.

American Families, look! Just outside your window—across the Atlantic! See that part of the world from which your own forefathers likely came, and you will see people crying, dying for the lack of necessities which you have in abundance and to spare. They are women, children, babies, and helpless old people who had nothing to do with the war, except to suffer.

How To Help

Make a liberal donation now, either in money or supplies. Work out a policy of continued support of this relief program. Devote your income from a part-time job to this cause. Give the products of an acre of ground. Encourage your children to earn special funds for this work. Divide your own food budget with these hungry people. Make a monthly gift of some sort. Send your money to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, marked: European relief.

Send your supplies of clothing, bedding and shoes to Southern Baptist Church World Service, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

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A THREAT TO FREEDOM

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freedom by imposition of a state church. They have accepted the separation of church and state in the United States because they have been in a minority. It has been a policy of expediency, not of conviction. They are now becoming so confident of their position that the need for caution is diminishing. They see the time coming when they can press for the establishment of the Catholic church in America.

One Thing At A Time

But they fight for one thing at a time. Public money is now used to provide lunches for pupils in parochial schools and for school bus transportation. The next objective is federal aid for parochial schools.

McManus in the National Catholic Weekly explains the objective thus: "The responsibilities of Catholic education go far beyond the confines of the Catholic school; they embrace an apostolate to bring Christ's teaching to the community and to the nation. The apostolate implies that Catholic schools be recognized by the American

public as an indispensable cultural force in American life. Without the official approval of the government, particularly the Federal Government, reinforced by a grant of public funds, Catholic schools simply will not receive this recognition but will go into an eclipse as the secularized public schools, with the full and exclusive blessing of government, gain the ascendancy in American education and American life."

Would you like to help finance the Catholic apostolate? Would you like to contribute toward the recognition of Catholic schools as an indispensable cultural force in American education? Would you like to pay Catholic school teachers for slandering your religion? Then sit idly by and let the Catholics put such legislation through congress.

Whether educational funds come from state or federal appropriations, they should not be apportioned to a group of schools that have as their ultimate aim, more or less openly avowed, to undermine our American liberties, our Constitution, our freedom of conscience and freedom of religion. Catholics seek destruction of our Bill of Rights and the principle which they try to disparage as "the Protestant theory of separation of Church and State."

This is not an anti-Catholic charge bred of prejudices and hatred, but a simple, honest recognition of the fact that Catholic system can be enforced. William E. McManus is not a spokesman for the Ku Klux Klan, but for an influential Catholic organization which seeks the realization of the aims and desires of the hierarchy.

We should support actively a constitutional amendment proposed by Congressman Joseph R. Bryson of state funds for institutions wholly or in part under sectarian control.

We are in the position of a baseball team in the field. The umpire has declared the runner safe at second base and we disagree. While we argue with the umpire—time cannot be called in this game—the runner starts to steal third. Will we stand and argue with the umpire, or will we throw the runner out at third?

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT! Do not fail to remind your entire Sunday School about the Special Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage on Sunday, November 23rd.

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standard of stewardship, with the per cent given to benevolent causes by the average American regardless of whether he professed any faith or not, or with the 15 per cent the United States government uses in income tax computations as a not unreasonable amount to give.

2. Of the gifts received in the average local church 76.4 per cent was used for local expense. The remaining 23.6 per cent was used for the Co-operative Program and designated gifts to missionary and benevolent causes.

To bring this closer home compare your church with these figures:

Church Membership	Local Missions & Work	Missions & Benevolence
Under 500	81.9%	18.1%
501 to 1,000	75.3 "	24.7 "
1,001 to 1,500	72.8 "	27.2 "
1,501 to 2,500	69.1 "	30.9 "
Over 2,500	66.4 "	33.6 "

3. The state conventions averaged spending for state missions and benevolence 61.64 per cent of all Co-operative Program funds. This left 38.36 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention agencies. Individual states vary in the distribution of Co-operative Program funds from 50 per cent for state causes and 50 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention causes, to 75 per cent for state causes and 25 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention causes. The amount varies from nothing to \$100,000. To two states follow exactly the same procedure; exact information must be secured from each state secretary.

4. Of the \$10,259,000 received in 1946 by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, 36.48 per cent went for world relief and rehabilitation. Of the remainder the Foreign Mission Board received 50.97 per cent. This compares with 51.08 per cent to foreign missions in 1945 and 53.48 per cent for the first nine months of 1947.

Home missions received 21.37 per cent last year. Theological education received 19.79 per cent. Relief and Annuity Board received 7.96 per cent.

Four Decisions

Southern Baptists are urged to make four basic decisions about the division of the Lord's money:

Decision No. 1 — Shall I tithe?

Decision No. 2 — How much should my church give to the Co-operative Program?

Decision No. 3 — What is the relative need and basis of division between state missions and the worldwide agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention?

Decision No. 4 — What table of percentage should the Southern Baptist Convention use to divide Co-operative Program receipts between foreign missions, home missions, theological education, and the other causes fostered by it?

Strangely enough, the individual decision to tithe is the determining factor in the other three decisions which we must make together.

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Van Winkle Church Ordains Six Deacons

Van Winkle Church, Jackson, held an ordination service Sunday, October 26, in which six men were ordained as deacons of the church. Rev. Herman A. Milner, Pastor, delivered the charge, and approximately 20 church officers assisted in the laying on of hands.

Those who were ordained at this service are: Jimmie Yarbrough, W. Doss Smith, John Farmer, J. O. Ward, S. M. Tisdale, and L. C. Dodson.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

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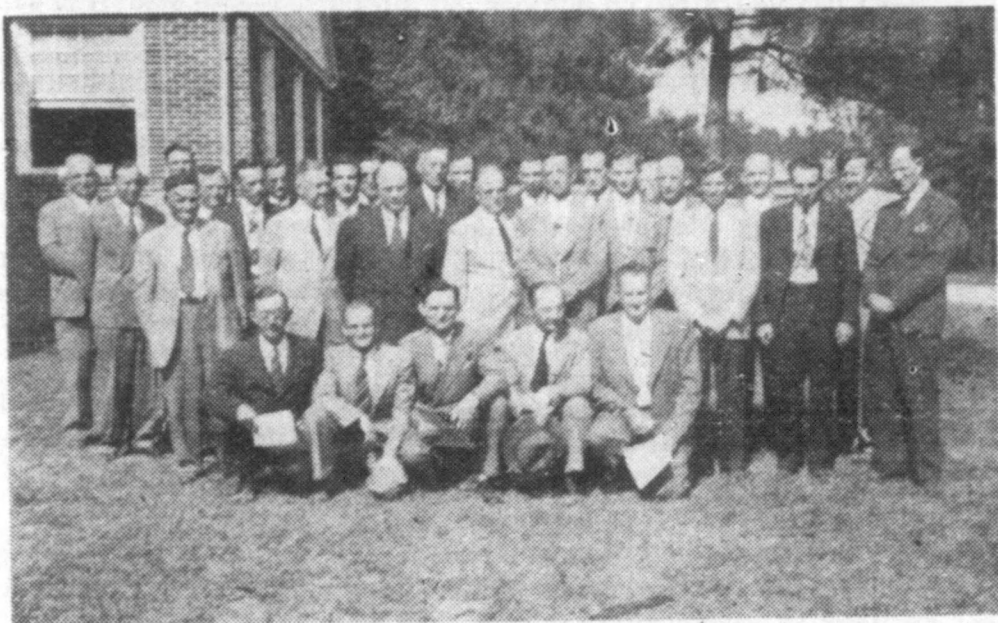
In a complete clinical check-up last spring I was given an almost 100% good health report. Naturally I was delighted over this in the light of the heavy schedules followed for a number of years. Only one needed corrective was pointed out. This required a bit of surgery. For this service I turned to Dr. J. K. Avent, long time friend and prominent Baptist layman. At this writing I am rapidly recovering from the operation at the Grenada Hospital. However, by the time you read this, I expect to be back home at Clinton. It will be necessary to stay in a few days there. Then I hope to be in the full swing of the convention program.

Thanks to the staff for carrying on as always.

With appreciation for the many remembrances.

D. A. MCCALL

P. S. I deeply regret having to cancel November dates, and promise the first available engagements to those who desire them.



Pastors present at the Lebanon Association, meeting at the Brooklyn Baptist Church, October 14.

I

As a people we were not in danger of new schemes while in debt. Folks were hiding out. Now that Baptists are on rosy street just about everybody is coming with a "get-rich-quick" scheme.

In Jeremiah 6:16 God's people were told to "stand in the ways and see - ask for the old paths." Every issue should be thoroughly weighed. You might find skeletons in some of them if you looked long enough. Others are very necessary!

It would be well for Mississippi Baptists to ask for the old paths!

Will we give ourselves to details, technicalities, things, or to prayer, preaching, soul winning, training, etc!

II

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." James 4:3.

What have we been asking more money for? That we might spend it on ourselves, or that we might preach the gospel to the lost, train the saved, and help the needy? Have we asked for more money that we might spend it on ourselves, or send the gospel to regions beyond our doors?

It is my firm belief backed by Scripture and experience that if we are selfish with the extra monies coming from the tithing campaign that we will shrivel under the curse of our selfishness!

I read where one church is giving all the extra money to missions from the tithing campaign.

I heard Pastor Joe T. Odle say that his church was dividing this extra tithe money 50 - 50 between the Co-operative Program causes and a local, maybe building fund.

These are worthy examples! I never have told a church what it had to do. We had best find and follow the will of God, else, the curse of selfishness and dishonesty with the Lord's money will follow us. Malachi 3.

III

Two majors, among others, account for the prosperity of our Baptist life today. Remember! A few years ago we owed a million dollars, every institution, and agency was almost in rags. Today there is no debt. All our causes but two are walking the high places. Why? Answer: First, the generosity of Mississippi Baptists - not all of them but tens of thousands. God bless them! Second, good administration is responsible. Resources have been conserved. God's money has been used aright, thanks to the Convention, the Convention Board, and the Executive Committee.

IV

We have allowed 700,000 lost people to grow up, and to come along in Mississippi. Had we more full time spiritual churches with resident pastors some of these 700,000 would certainly have been won to Christ. Had more people brought tithes and offerings we would have more full time churches with resident pastors.

One day this question startled us, what guarantee do we have that another

700,000 lost people may not come along making 1,400,000 out of our 2,000,000 population in Mississippi? What guarantee do we have that our Mississippi may not become another Palestine?

Answer: Only Christ - the preaching of the Gospel, the teaching of His word, dynamic churches, the living of the Christ life, soul winning, training Christian soldiers, etc.

V

One thing is always upon the heart of God's man everywhere - winning lost people to Christ. Any Christian who just deals in figures and bookkeeping deserves the dollar mark label!

Would it not be great to see Mississippi Baptist youth one time go all out for Christ and the lost in soul winning? Suppose our 8,000 Baptist students went to campaigning for Christ! Suppose our more than 300 ministerial students went to campaigning for Christ! Suppose our Mississippi students in the three Seminaries joined these in a summer of soul winning in Mississippi. They could storm this state for Christ! They could make devils tremble! Gospel teams! Prayer mates! Christian socials! Spiritual singing! Telling testimonies!

Honestly, Mississippi Baptists have never gone all out in a soul winning campaign in our more than one hundred years! When will it be done? Over 700,000 lost have come along! Will we allow another 700,000 lost to grow up in our midst? That would total 1,400,000 lost in Mississippi!

Young people for Christ could lead a revival if they were willing to pay the price. In the cities neglected areas - in county school houses - in churchless areas let them tell and sing about Jesus. Acts 5 - 6 chapters.

VI

More and more of the associations are coming to be 100% in churches sending in offerings through the Co-operative Program for all the work of Christ. At this writing, the last to come in are Green Association and Pearl River Association. Congratulations to all those who had a part as we know some good work was behind it.

VII

Question: What do you regard as the biggest single transaction in Mississippi Baptist life these last years?

Answer: The most meaningful longtime accomplishment was undoubtedly the paying of the debts saving over \$300,000 interest and giving stability to all our work.

The most profitable single transaction was the purchasing of the Baptist Building at approximately \$100,000. It could hardly be built today for less than \$200,000 - \$250,000. We are indebted to Mr. C. C. Smith, realtor, Mr. C. O. Spencer, prominent layman and owner, a great building committee, and most of all, the leadership of the Lord!

VIII

Erecting a house of worship is one item in the Building of His church. Matthew 16:18. It should be a time of rejoicing and growing. Too often congregations and leaders fall before problems and strife in a building project. It is beautiful to see a young husband and wife building a home where a family will be reared and truth and holiness transmitted. In the pastorate it was found a time for great soul winning and fine teaching. A church loses ground if it lets a building program retard rather than accelerate growth.

IX

"Hatred - variance - emulations - wrath - strife - seditions - envyings" - are these marks of a spiritual and independent churchman? The Bible says they are fruits of the flesh! The Bible says they are marks of corruption! The Bible says those who sow such things shall reap the same! The Bible places them in the same list with - adultery - fornication - uncleanness - murders - drunkenness! The Bible says they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God!

"Love - joy - peace - longsuffering - gentleness - goodness" are these weak and effeminate traits? The Bible says they are the fruit of the Spirit! The Bible says they are of eternal life!

Here we have presented the two sets of traits of the only two kinds of people in the world! Individuals and churches classify themselves! Read Galatians, chapters 5 and 6!

X

Monday is a day of authority - a day of suspense to the enemies of Jesus. Sunday, the day of triumph, lies behind. He spends the night at Bethany. It was only 13-4 miles from Bethany to Jerusalem, yet, it was as far as from the warmth of love to the hardness of steel, as far from the white of snow to the blackness of soot. Mark 11:12-18. He is up early on His way to Jerusalem, and "hungers." Why did practical Martha let Him get off before breakfast. He has been up early out under the stars with His heavenly Father. When breakfast is called, He is gone! Others have said Jesus was so human, He got tired; and so Divine, He said, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." He was so human, He slept; and so Divine He awoke to say to the sea, "Be still." He was so human, He got hungry; and so Divine, He broke bread to the thousands.

They pass the fig tree without fruit, and Jesus condemns it! Read John 15, the fruit bearing chapter.

Jesus then cleanses the temple for the second time. "My house shall be called a house of prayer." What is your church house called? Some are houses of prayer, love, faith, service, etc. Some are houses of hate, politics, domineering, money raising, socials, etc. Jesus said let it be known as a house of

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Less Duplication

How often have we heard pastors
complain because one member
held several offices in the church.

The same complaint is heard
about our Mississippi Baptist Con-
vention. Some people serve on
one or more committees and many
others on none.

There will be approximately
1000 messengers at the Conven-
tion next week. Several already
holding some kind of office or
serving on some committee will be
appointed or elected to other
places of service. And remember
that all them are good people,
tried, tested and true.

But the irony of the situation is
that two or more tasks are given to
a few persons while there are
many others just as capable who
receive no recognition and who
are called upon for no service.

Instead of giving one person two
jobs, lets use two persons. It will
help in many ways.

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Churches Should Be Fair With Pastors

There is no denying the fact that
prices have risen. It is also a fact
that many churches have not
raised pastors' salaries in compari-
son with the increase in prices. To-
day pastors cannot buy as much
with their present salaries as they
could a few years ago.

The following are some recent
headlines clipped from daily
papers: Jackson Food Price 79 Per
Cent Higher, Food Prices Spiral
Dizzily; Cost of Living At All Time
High, Still Rises; No Hope For Cut
In Prices; Jackson Food Prices
Continue to Mount; Record Living
Costs Soaring Unchecked.

Below we quote a few prices
taken from the Jackson papers of
1947 and from the same papers of
1939:

Item	1947	1939
Bacon	\$.85	\$.27
Sausage .....	.55	.22
Fryers .....	.55	.25
Potatoes .....	.05	.02 1-2

Grits .....	.17	.07 1-2
Dried Peaches ....	.37	.12
Raisens .....	.15	.05
Eggs .....	.62	.32
Steak .....	.75	.29
Pork Chops .....	.60	.17 1-2
Flour	1.85	.59
Butter .....	.85	.28
Coffee .....	.55	.26
Lard .....	.33	.09 1-2

Totals \$8.24 \$3.02

Thus, we see that living costs
have risen at least 272 per cent,
And it takes \$8.24 to buy the same
food that could be bought for \$3.02
in 1939. Unless your church has
raised the pastor's salary by 272
per cent, it has, in effect, lowered
his salary in proportion to today's
prices and prices of 1939.

We recently saw a proposed
church budget for 1948. The pas-
tor's salary was the same as for
1947, which was too low, for it
takes more to buy the same things
now than it did in January 1947.

President Truman in a recent
radio address said that 1947 prices
were 23 per cent above those of
1946. That means that your pas-
tor's salary should be raised 23
per cent above the 1946 salary,
AND if the membership is approx-
imately the same it was in 1939
the salary should be at least 272
per cent more than in 1939.

Also add an extra 10 per cent
at least for other contemplated
raises. Economists say they are
coming.

Furthermore, most churches
have more members now than they
had in 1939. Even if price were the
same, more members should mean
more salary, for certainly more
members mean larger offerings.

And most Baptists are making
more money today than ever be-
fore. If rising and RISEN prices
were not a factor, larger Baptist
incomes should result in larger
Baptist Pastor's salaries.

Every Baptist Church should
pay the pastor a salary sufficient
for him to be an honor to the
church and the community.

To our shame, some few Bap-
tist preachers fail in financial in-
tegrity. But many pastors are slow
because the salaries are too low.

CHURCHES SHOULD CHECK

1. Their increase in member-
ship
2. Their increased income.
3. The pastor's salary in 1939.
4. The increase in prices since
1939.

AND

Do the right thing about the
pastor's salary, because prices have
"riz."

Bible Reading

Dr. James V. Claypool, director
of the American Bible Society's
department for the Promotion of
Bible use has released the World-
wide Bible Reading program
which is to be observed from
Thanksgiving to Christmas. The
full program appears on another
page.

The Bible reading program is a
plan to get people in every land
to read the Bible daily from
Thanksgiving to Christmas.

We recommend the theme of
the readings, "One-World - One
Book". Each reading is keyed to
the word "One".

The program inaugurated in
1944 has had a larger number of
readers each year. In 1946 people
of approximately 25 Nations took
part.

The Bible reading program was
begun because of a letter sent by a
lonely Young Marine in Guada-
canal asking his Mother to join
him in reading each day, at the
same time, the same passage of
Scripture

We also recommend the custom
of Bible reading, not only Thanks-
giving to Christmas but all the
time. Somehow reading a portion
of Gods word each morning acts as
a tonic. The birds sing sweeter,
the biscuits taste better, the car
runs smoother, the road seems
straighter and the whole day seems
better because we read from God's
word.

—BR—

The Mississippi Baptist Convention

The 112th session of the Missis-
sippi Baptist Convention will meet
with the First Baptist Church,
Jackson, November 17-19. The
program appeared in last week's
issue.

So far as we know no diversive
matters are contemplated. There
are a few things about which the
messengers will differ, but none
that should leave scars.

Each night will feature one of
our great missions programs:
Monday night, State Missions;
Tuesday night, Foreign Missions;
and Wednesday night, Home Mis-
sions. There will be inspirational
addresses by prominent Baptists
within Mississippi and from other
states.

Features of the Monday night
session will be addresses by Con-
vention President, Auber J. Wilds,
and Dr. D. A. McCall.

Dr. W. A. Bell, pastor of First
Church, Hattiesburg, is to preach
the sermon at 11:10 on Tuesday
morning. Christian Education and
the Baptist Hospital are scheduled
for Tuesday afternoon with a dedi-

cation service for the New Hospi-
tal Addition to be held as the
closing event of the afternoon pro-
gram. The dedication service will
be held at the hospital.

At the Wednesday morning ses-
sion various reports will be made
and Dr. Joe W. Burton of the
Sunday School Board will address
the Convention.

The election of officers will be
one of the highlights of Wednes-
day afternoon session.

With such a feast of good things
in prospect, every Baptist church
in Mississippi should be repres-
ented. These are momentous days
through which we are passing, and
we need the combined wisdom of
all our constituency. It is better to
help solve problems and plan pro-
grams than to complain about
what others did.

In all that we do and propose, let
us stress evangelism, missions and
training. Let us be much in deep,
earnest prayer and thoughtful
consideration of all our work in
Mississippi and to the uttermost
parts of the world.

The 1947 Convention should be
a feast of fellowship as we rejoice
in the past accomplishments and
plan for greater things in the days
to come.

—BR—

Liquorless Days

We are for the food saving pro-
gram. We favor aiding the hungry
in Europe.

But if people are asked to ob-
serve meatless, poultryless and
eggless days, why not also have
"liquorless days?" The present
program asks us to give up things
that are helpful. Giving up liquor
for one day in a week would not
only save the grain and foodstuffs
needed for that amount of unused
liquor, but it would save money
for the drinkers, and save many a
murder, robbery, brawl and other
by-product of drinking. And the
drinker would be better off physi-
cally.

—BR—

The Value Of A Smile

It costs nothing but is worth much.
It enriches those who receive it
without impoverishing those who give
it.

It happens in a flash and the mem-
ory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None are so rich that they can get
along without it, and none so poor
but are richer for its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home,
fosters good-will in business, and it
is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, delight to
the discouraged, sunshine to the sad,
and Nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged,
borrowed or stolen, for it is something
that is no earthly good to anybody
until it is given away. — JACKSON
DAILY NEWS

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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prayer! Most of them have missed the mark! They are everything but houses of prayer! Most members do not know some have prayer meeting!

Certain Greeks come desiring to see Jesus! When the real Jesus is presented, people still come desiring to see Him! He answers threefold - a grain of wheat must die if it is to reproduce - the disciple must be willing to lose his life - and I must die. John 12:20 - 50. Here we have "Sacrifice as the supreme law of life." That most of us know little about!

Again Jesus goes to Bethany with the hisses and snarls of His enemies at His heels, and the praises of children ringing in His ears. With which crowd do you go?

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to do with his zooming popularity curve, as evidence by various political polls, and church observers believe that his good example is helping ministers by the thousands to increase church attendance.

The president undoubtedly looks on his church visits as a symbol of this government's spiritual fight against Communism, too, for he knows as well as anyone that his presence at church is publicized overseas as much as it is at home.

'Religious Capital'

The announcement here by an authorized spokesman that the Christian Scientists eventually expect to make Washington their "international headquarters" emphasizes once more the manner in which Washington has grown into a place of religious, as well as political, financial and economic, leadership during the past decade.

The nation's capital now houses the greatest number of religious representatives of major groups of all faiths in its long history. Hardly a month passes but what some new evidence of continued growth or a sign of future growth in this respect becomes apparent.

Tax Investigation

One of the seven tax investigations being carried out by seven different committees of congress has a greater-than-ordinary significance for religious workers throughout the nation. That's because the particular investigation is including a thorough study into the possibilities of putting church workers under Social Security, along with farm workers, self-employed and millions of other workers not now "covered" by the Social Security act.

This isn't to say that such a new law will be passed in '48, although it's not impossible.

Universal Military Training

The opening gun in the fight for - and against - universal military training was fired - by none other than Chief of Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower - even before the President announced the special session of Congress. The Chief of Staff said that UMT would act as "an insurance policy against extinction by war."

Religious groups here, particularly the Friends Committee on National Legislation (Quakers), knew the fight for UMT would be more intense in the forthcoming session of congress than that of two years ago when proponents of the legislation pulled out all the stops, but failed.

Aside from foreign aid, UMT may be the most hotly-debated subject in the forthcoming special session.

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FRESNO, Calif. —(BP)— Gifts received by the Southern Baptist General Convention of California for the year ending October 31 totalled \$173,000, a record high for this pioneer Baptist state, according to Dr. A. F. Crittendon, state secretary. Of the total received, \$125,000 was used for current expenses and \$45,000 for the Co-operative Program.

TITHING AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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financing God's work, many of them will be greatly impressed with the fairness and reasonableness of it, and will adopt it in their life plan. Not all will do this, to be sure, but many will.

The favorable impression came from the fact that they knew something of it. We shall try in the Sunday School classes and departments to do a fine and noble part in both informing and impressing the people with the fact that this is God's way of providing the money for his work, and that this way is fair to all alike.

MANY WILL BECOME TITHERS. If we teach them will they do it? Not all of them; for no teaching is 100% successful, but many will. Yes, the great number of people today who follow God's plan of tithes and offerings for financing his work came to do it because they learned of it and were impressed with the fairness and reasonableness of it.

And so we shall do a mighty part in promoting the tithing program if we shall be faithful in seeing to it that our Sunday schools give it the place it so much deserves in the various emphases of the departments and classes.

This will be a great contribution to all the work; and the schools will themselves receive of this help also. This is one great way to help all the work.

—BR—

FIRST PROTESTANT MOVIE TO HAVE WORLD PREMIERE

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prominent church laymen will be guests at the premiers. The picture will later be available for church showings. "Beyond Our Own" is a drama portraying the need of casual church-goers for greater participation through the church in community undertakings. It is keyed to the 1947-48 emphasis on "world evangelism" by Protestant churches.

The Religious Film Association which is distributing the motion picture, is recommending that "Beyond Our Own" be shown not only at evening church meetings, but also in place of the customary sermon at Sunday worship services. It will also be shown at county jails, civic clubs, factories, and domestic relations courts. It will not be shown in theatres. According to the announcement, scores of denominations supporting the film program have ordered prints of the new movie, and it is expected that millions of churchgoers will see it in thousands of churches throughout the nation.

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Bakersfield, Calif.—Mrs. R. W. Hollinger of Los Angeles, was elected the first woman president of the Southern California (Northern Baptists) Baptist Convention at the group's 65th annual meeting here. She succeeds Dr. Winfield Edson of Long Beach, Calif.

A COMMENT ON KEEP THE RECORDS STRAIGHT

By J. M. Evans, Sec-Treas. of The Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Mississippi

(This article is written in reply to the article Keep The Record Straight, written by T. T. Gooch, Oakland, Mississippi appearing in Baptist Record issue of Thursday, November 6, 1947, page 16, J.M.E.)

Brother Gooch calls attention to the request of the trustees of the Orphanage in which they are asking the State Convention to restore the 6% allocation to the Baptist Orphanage, also the Mother's Day Offering. He further states that when the motion was made to change the allocation at the Board Meeting that it was for one year only, and that to meet an emergency. However, he goes on to show in the article that since the Orphanage is getting along so well under the present set up in comparison with the colleges, it seems to him that the full 6% should not be restored. If so, it would double the former income of the Orphanage.

Brother Gooch fails to take into consideration that all the gifts to the Orphanage do not come through the Cooperative Program. Under the present allocation should the income of the Orphanage be doubled it would have to come from some other source rather than through the Cooperative Program. In 1946 Cooperative Program receipts amounted to \$559,163.74. After Cooperative Program Expenses were paid, (which expense is very necessary in handling and distributing these funds), the Orphanage received \$31,131.19. This was based on 6% allocation. In 1947 Cooperative Program receipts amounted to \$682,520.66. After necessary expenses for handling the funds were deducted, the Orphanage received \$15,630.44. This was based on 6% for two months of 1946 and 2% for ten months of 1947. Should the allocation of 6% be restored to the Orphanage, the income of the Orphanage through the Cooperative Program would not be doubled until such time as the Cooperative Program Receipts amounted to \$1,000,000. There would have to be an increase in Cooperative Program receipts to the amount of \$317,479.34, as the gifts for 1947 amounted to \$682,520.66. However, should the 2% allocation be continued for the Orphanage, based on a 10% increase in Cooperative Program Receipts for 1948, the Orphanage would receive approximately \$15,000, a little less than half the amount received when the allocation was 6%.

I too, like Brother Street and Brother Gooch would be glad to see our funds distributed 50-50 on a State and Southwide basis. But how can we expect our State Convention to make such distribution when our local churches do not distribute or allocate their funds in the same manner? Or at least allocate a larger percentage of their gifts to outside causes. Until such time as our gifts increase or the allocations are changed, it will be necessary for us to have special offerings as we are now doing, not only for Foreign Missions, but Home Missions, State Missions and other agencies of our Convention. Brother Gooch states that his church distributes their funds on a 70%-30% basis. There are many churches whose distribution is based on a 75%-25%; some on 80%-20%; a few on 90%-10%; and still a very, very few 100%-0%. My own church distributes it's

Clothes for a Million!!

Foreign Secretary M. Theron Rankin says: "Our gifts of clothing will mean life to millions of people this winter. Southern Baptists can easily send a quantity sufficient for half the Alliance goal."

Home Secretary J. B. Lawrence says: "We of the Home Mission Board rejoice in the privilege of co-operating in the campaign to secure clothes for 500,000 men, women and children in Europe this winter. Southern Baptists have no greater opportunity to serve God and humanity than to clothe these needy ones."

Sunday School Board Secretary T. L. Holcomb says: "I believe in the Southern Baptist clothing campaign because it will honor God and help suffering humanity."

Relief and Annuity Board Secretary Walter R. Alexander says: "Campaign to clothe a million suffering people constrains our common humanity at the same time challenging every Christian profession. Southern Baptists make. Matthew 25:36, 40."

Ship clean, used clothing, prepaid, to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

VIEWING LIFE'S SUNSET FROM PIKE'S PEAK

or the Life Story of T. T. Martin by Evangelist A. D. Muse is just what its title indicates. Those who knew Dr. Martin will want to read it for old time's sake, and those who never knew him should read it for its helpfulness and inspiration. Dr. Martin was a great evangelist and there never was another just like him. The story is both helpful and interesting. There are 228 pages. The paper binding sells for \$1.50 and the cloth binding for \$2.50. Orders should be sent to the author, Rev. A. D. Muse, P. O. Box 505, Louisville, Kentucky.

YOUTH SINGS by Lloyd William Arner is a collection of poems which will find favor with young readers. It is not only a book or real poetry, but also is a challenge to youth. Many of the poems were written during the author's youth and he dedicates the book to his mother, who was his friend and counsellor during youth. Youth sings even when his heart is breaking or if the world is gray. The author's belief in God colors and inspires his work. Order from The Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$2.00.

gifts on a 75%-25% basis. When I contribute \$100.00 through the regular budget of my church \$75.00 remains for local expenses, and \$25.00 is forwarded to the Convention Board Office to be distributed on the percentage basis as fixed by the Baptist State Convention Board Members. The Orphanage receives as it's allocation .50c from my gift of \$100.00 given through my local church or .50c from the amount of \$25.00 that has been forwarded by my own local church to the Convention Board Office for distribution.

Until our people practice God's Plan, the Plan of the Tithē, none of our work will receive sufficient amounts. But when they do we will have sufficient funds to carry on all our work. However, until such time comes do not penalize some of our institutions because they are doing well. I can remember the time when we were not so proud of our ORPHANAGE. I believe all Mississippi Baptists are proud of it now. Let us keep it that way. As a member of the Board of Trustees for many years, I want to thank every Mississippi Baptist for their love, devotion, interest, prayers and contribution to the Orphanage.

--Woman's Missionary Union--

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y — Miss Nell Taylor

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Almost 500 MORE women were in attendance this year than in 1946. There was a total registration of 2,501 and likely others who did not register. The spirit of the meetings was excellent—the women were enthusiastic, eager and deeply concerned about this business of Missions. There was representation from every association, with two exceptions: Carroll and Tishomingo Associations.

Special emphasis was placed on "Stewardship of Possession" as our denomination is endeavoring to secure 1,000,000 tithers. The Stewardship Chairman for Southern Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson, Richmond, Va., was one of our principal speakers.

Our missionary speaker for the meetings was Miss Katherine Cozzens of Brazil. She helped us understand our neighbors better and because of that to love them more and feel our responsibility in helping them to know our Living Christ.

Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Chairman of the Finance Committee for Camp Garaywa attended all the meetings, giving a financial statement and expressing appreciation for the splendid cooperation of Mississippi Baptist in this effort. Oct. 31st was a great day of rejoicing when sufficient funds were in hand to clear all bills. Miss Nell Taylor assisted the District Young People's counselors in special emphasis on our young people's organizations and spoke on "The Mission of Camp Garaywa is Missions."

Special emphasis was given to World Relief needs and plans. Offerings were taken in 7 of the 8 meetings for this purpose and amounted to \$1,047.00. The theme of the meetings was "Lenthen—Strengthen" and it was our feeling that the meaning and challenge of this theme will bring forth greater effort on the part of all.

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PLANS CONCERNING RELIEF

Southern Baptists have accepted a

"labor of love" that is to be accomplished BEFORE Thanksgiving!

Many Southern Baptists, last summer, saw Europe's great need! Her need for a living, reigning Christ! Her physical need for food and clothes! That we might more effectively witness for Christ we MUST help to clothe and feed those who desperately need.

Southern Baptist Goals in Meeting These Needs

1. \$500,000 in cash, to be raised by the first Sunday in February of 1948.

11. 500,000 people "clothed" by our gifts of good used clothing — by Thanksgiving.

The officers (associational, district and state) of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union in their recent meeting voted to go immediately into this plan. Our goal is:

EVERY W. M. U. IN MISSISSIPPI SENDING A BOX OF GOOD USED CLOTHING TO THE ADDRESS ON THE ENCLOSED FOLDER BY NOVEMBER 15TH.

It is our hope that you will talk this over with your pastor and that the entire church will be enlisted in this effort.

The Relief Center in New Orleans is NOW an agency of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee and ALL things sent through it will go direct TO Baptists or will be disbursed BY Baptists.

The cost of sending the supplies from New Orleans to Europe or Asia is about 7c per lb. It would be an excellent thing if you would send sufficient postage to the Relief Center for this purpose.

ADDRESS:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIEF CENTER, 740 Esplanade, New Orleans, Louisiana.

CORRECTION: In listing the gifts to Camp Garaywa, we failed to list Grenshaw. They have contributed \$36.50 for which we were grateful. We regret our failure to list this church.

PRINCE OF THE PULPIT by J. W.

Burton is a pen picture of Dr. George W. Truett at work. Written first in 1941 at the close of Dr. Truett's forty-fourth year as pastor of First Church, Dallas, the sketches show Dr. Truett's diligence in business, his earnestness of purpose, and his fervency of spirit. The sketches were revised and brought up to date following Dr. Truett's death in July 1944. Some of the chapter headings are Preaching the Word, Helping the Troubled, and The Preacher and His Appointments. Order from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.00.

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The message of the Bible is a world message; it is addressed to all people regardless of race, color, or condition; it thinks of earth's millions as members of one human family and prospective members of the family of God; it is the inspiration for all the thinking of men of all time who have dreamed of democracy in political and social relationship; it is universal in contemplation . . . J. E. Lambdin in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

them, in view of rising living costs, to give careful consideration to their ministers' present salaries and, as speedily as possible, increase them.

Byran Baptist Church Makes Progress



The first unit of the Byran Baptist Church has been completed and the people of the church are rejoicing because of the progress of the church.

The cost of the first unit is \$16,000 and has a seating capacity of 500. Within the last three years the membership has grown from 70 to 160.

The church has also gone from half time to full time and the possibilities are great for future growth. Rev. H. J. Bennett is the pastor.

The ORPHANAGE has a new BARN.

This barn will hold a lot of hay, corn, and any type of dairy or hog feed. The railroad will transport it free. If you can share some of your surplus with the Orphanage send it on. Shipments may be made from November 17th through December 3rd.

Coggins Avenue Church, Brownwood, Texas, is a building program. The church was burned two years ago. At present construction on the auditorium and an educational unit of the five unit building program is about half finished. The usual contract cost of the two would be something over \$300,000. Dr. H. H. Hargrove, Mississippian, is pastor.

New Jersey Baptists Endorse State Constitution

NEWARK, N. J. —(RNS)— Endorsement of the proposed new State Constitution was voted by the New Jersey Baptist Convention at its 118th annual meeting here.

However, so strong was objection to the clause permitting transportation of non-public school children that the Convention instructed its executive committee, and urged individual churches, to memorialize the legislature at its next session to make bus transportation of non-public school pupils at public expense illegal. The Convention also protested the continuation of pari-mutuel betting at race tracks.

Immediate recall of Myron C. Taylor from the Vatican and abolition of the "office" of presidential representative to the Holy See was demanded by the Convention. It also called upon Congress to pass a federal fair employment practices act, and expressed opposition to peacetime military conscription.

The Convention directed that a communication be sent to chairmen of trustees, deacons and finance committees of Baptist church, urging

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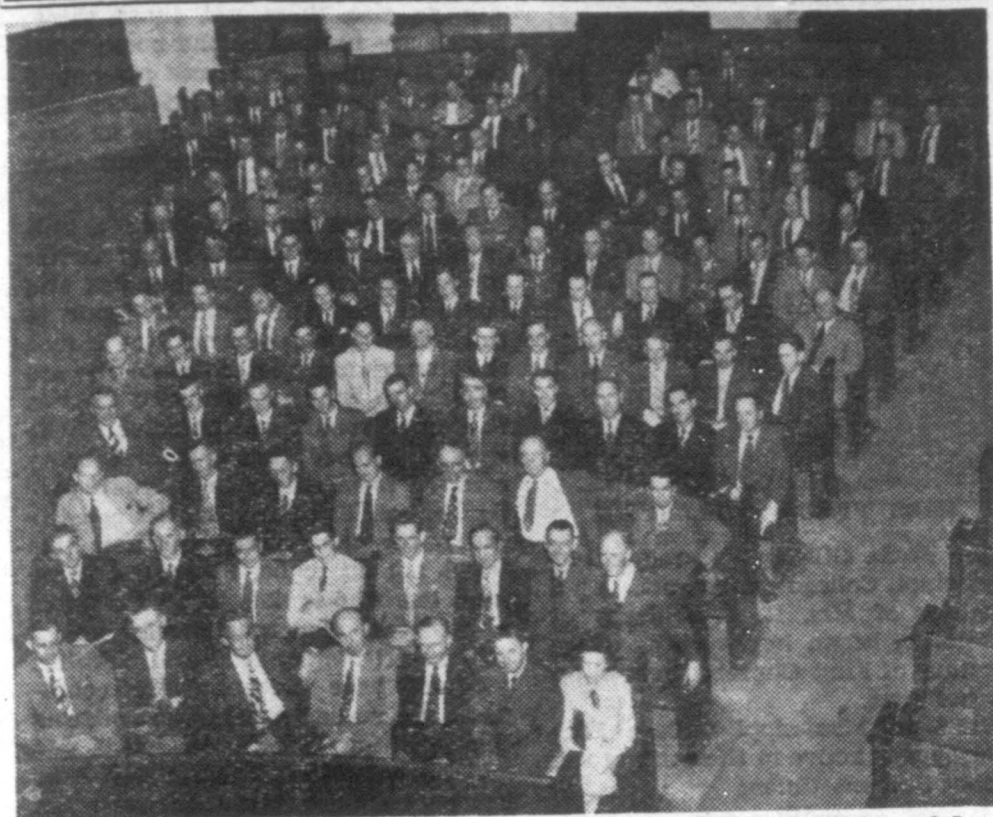
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The above is a picture of the District One Brotherhood in their meeting at Clinton Baptist Church. There was a good response from over the district in this meeting. L. H. Tapscott of Texas brought the Brotherhood message, and the Rev. J. H. Kyzar of Greenwood brought the inspirational message.

DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected in District Seven: O. H. Longcoy, Biloxi, president; Bruce C. Aultman,

Hattiesburg, vice-president; and Lonnie E. Meador, Laurel, secretary-treasurer. District Eight chose as their officers, Edd Roberson, McComb, president; Clyde Coker, Sr., Fernwood, vice-president; and Joe McCollough, McComb, secretary-treasurer. Rev. Earl C. Edwards, East McComb Baptist Church, McComb; Rev. W. W. Tip-ton, Fernwood Baptist Church, Fernwood; and Rev. James A. Bryant, Calvary Baptist Church, Pricedale, compose the Pastor's Advisory Committee of District Eight.

TEN GIRLS WHO BECAME FAMOUS by Basil Miller are stories of women from many lands who became famous. They lived and worked in England, India, China, Burma, Calabar and the United States. Among those all of whom were surrendered to the will of God and who were fearless because of their surrender and because of their power in prayer,

were Ann Judson, Florence Nightingale, Fanny Crosby, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Susanna Wesley, Frances Willard. This book will interest young women and also their parents and teachers. Order from Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.00.

Parkway To Dedicate New Adult Building

Dedication exercises for its new Adult Building, first unit of a modern church educational plant, will be held by Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, Sunday afternoon, November 16, at 4 o'clock. Just recently completed and equipped at a cost of approximately \$65,000, this building is unique in the fact that it is designed solely for use of adult departments. In this regard it is in line with the latest development in Southern Baptist Sunday School organizational emphasis. Only three or four such Adult Buildings are known among Southern Baptist churches; and it is the only one of its kind in Mississippi.

With its recent occupancy the membership of the adult departments was divided into classes on an age group basis, by which six new classes were formed. This was a part of the overall expansion program of Parkway's Sunday School which under the leadership of Superintendent Curtis L. Beard has in the last ten months created four new departments and seventeen additional classes. Also achieved this year was the record number of 413 Sunday School training awards, to lead the state and place in the first ten churches in the south.

Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, announces that Dr. W. A. Bell, former pastor, and now of First Church, Hattiesburg, will bring the dedicatory message. The public is invited to this open house and dedication. An especially cordial invitation is extended to friends from other Baptist churches of the city and vicinity.

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Thousands of dollars have been spent by interested friends to give specialized training for the children. Your love offerings have sent forth thousands of children, after a happy childhood in the Orphanage, to face life prepared for good careers. **YOUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING WILL CONTINUE TO HELP CARRY ON THIS WORTHY WORK FOR OTHER BOYS AND GIRLS.**

GUNTER PREACHES FIRST SERMON AT SALLIS

Deacons Ordained In Afternoon Services

Sunday, October 19, will long be remembered by the membership of Sallis Church. The day was designated in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Curtis B. Gunter. Rev. Gunter was recently licensed to preach by the church. The Rev. Gunter, having served for six years in the army, surrendered to preach during the fall revival of the church. He and his family will soon move to Clinton, where they will attend Mississippi College. Rev. Gunter preached his first sermon as a licensed minister at the morning worship hour. At the close of the service the church presented to him a Bible, and a book, *The Pastor's Helpmate*, to his wife. All of the members of Rev. Gunter's immediate family were present to hear his first sermon: Mr and Mrs. Seagriff, Sallis; Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Fallwell, Louisville, Kentucky; (Mrs. Fallwell, nee Rowena Gunter); Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gowan, McAdams; (Mrs. Gowan, nee Inez Gunter); Miss Edna Mae Gunter, Nashville, Tennessee; and Fred Gunter, Sallis. Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Fallwell have recently been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to do service in China. A large number of friends from neighboring communities were present on this occasion.

Deacons Ordained

In the afternoon a special service was arranged for the purpose of ordaining the following to serve as deacons of the church: Fred Gunter, D. P. Watson, Clyde Hester Jr., Wesley Kuykendall, and D. C. Scott. An inspiring program was given in which the principle speakers were Rev. Hayward Moore, Kosciusko, and Deacon E. L. Carr, Durant. The pastor, Rev. Ted R. Clark, brought a brief sermon using the text, I Timothy 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth." Members of the examining council were: J. H. Mitchell, L. L. Gowan, C. S. Barber, R. W. Hollingsworth, W. Y. Sudduth, F. Y. Gowan, and G. W. Hester, all of McAdams, Mississippi; C. Y. Sudduth and H. Kimp, Hurricane Baptist Church; Rev. R. C. Holcomb and Rev. Hayward Moore, Kosciusko; E. L. Carr, Durant; D. E. Hughes, H. L. Dodd, and Rev. Ted R. Clark, Sallis.

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Rev. D. W. Moulder To Observe 80th Birthday Thanksgiving

The Rev. Dan Moulder, widely known Baptist minister, will celebrate his 80th birthday at his home at Lorena on Thanksgiving Day.

The Rev. and Mrs. Moulder, married Feb. 9, 1888, are still living in Smith county on the same place they settled in that year. Mr. Moulder was licensed to preach at Old Goodwater church July 4, 1896. He is still in the active and is serving six churches this year.

A program has been arranged for his birthday which also will be in observation on the Moulder's 60th wedding anniversary and Mr. Moulder's 51st year in the ministry. The program will begin at 10:30 a. m. and end at 3:00 p. m.

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The University of Corpus Christi, new Baptist college in Texas, has 312 enrolled for its first session, 61 ministerial students.

Blue Mountain Opera Tour Begins November 17



Blue Mountain, Miss. Nov. 8 — Pictured above is the cast of "The Tailor-Made Man," the dramatic production of Blue Mountain College for this year. It will play at the college Nov. 14; Tupelo, Nov. 17; Louisville, Nov. 18; Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Nov. 19; Calhoun City, Nov. 20; Mississippi State College, Nov. 21 Seated on floor: (Left to right) Margery Smith, Union, Miss.;

Mary Murphy, Memphis, Tenn.; Mary Lou McGee, Memphis, Tenn.; Seated: Mary Louise Oakley, Potts Camp; Claudia Loftis, Cordell, Okla.; Jean Stinson, Old Hickory, Tenn.; Geraldine Lackey, Calhoun City; Miss Jean Lowrey, director; Marjorie Ray, Falkner; Sara Brooks Collins, Holly Springs; Virginia Marbury, New Albany; Edith and Ruth Hines, Saulsburg, Tenn. Standing: Sylvia

Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; Betty McClure, Tupelo; Evelyn Singleton, Memphis, Tenn.; Beverly Hodges, Meridian; Billye Jewell Carnell, New Albany; Allene Sugg, Bellefontaine; Emory Jean Little, Lambert; Imogene Pannell, New Albany; Joan Prosch, Birmingham, Ala.; Maurine Collums, Houlika; Evelyn Harvey, Tylertown; Emily Clements, Kerrville, Tenn.

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UNION SETS NEW RECORD

The Union Baptist Sunday school set a new attendance record on October 19 with a total of 345, which was 50 more than the previous all-high record. They have recently had 18 conversions from the Junior department.

We rejoice with those fine leaders in this great record. The pastor is Rev. John I. Hill, the Sunday school superintendent is Mr. Ralph Grady, and Miss Ann Swetnam is the Director of Education.

BIBLE STUDY WEEK

Let's not forget that the week of January 5-9, 1948 is to be Bible Study Week. It is suggested that the first full week in each year be given to Bible study, led, or at least directed, by the pastor.

The Sunday school organization is charged with the responsibility with this promotion, and the idea is not for credit, but simply for opportunity of more Bible study.

The book suggested for the week of January 5-9 is STUDIES IN EPHE-SIANS, to be used as guidance material for the week. Of course, this can be supplemented and enriched in any way the leader may desire.

THE SPACE QUESTION

Many churches are now in a building program or plan one at an early date. This is certainly one of the necessary parts in building a bigger and better Sunday school.

However, care needs to be exercised in the matter of the planning and arrangement of the floor space. It is so easy to get class rooms too large.

By allowing seven square feet of floor space per pupil, we shall be on safe ground. Since classes through the Intermediate department should not plan for more than 12 as the maximum number, it is easy to see that many times these rooms are much larger than necessary. To be safe, consult the Department of Church Architecture at Nashville. We also have helpful suggestions in the state office.

MORE VBS REPORTS

Bogue Chitto, Fair River, Gum Grove, Macedonia in Lincoln, Montgomery, Mt. Zion in Lincoln, Pearlhaven, West Side Natchez, Woodlawn Vicksburg, Lexie, Mesa, Magee's Creek, Bassfield, White Sand, Brooksville, Salem in Hinds-Warren,

Mathiston, Gillsburg, Mt. Comfort, Greenville Second, Bethel in Union county, Ingram, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Olive, Marietta, Oak Hill, Osborne Creek, Piney Grove, Gaston, Eastabuchie, Immanuel Hattiesburg, Petal-Harvey,

McLaurin, Bradford's Chapel, Pittsboro, Shady Grove, Bethlehem, Centerville, Friendship, Mars Hill, Overt, Pine Grove, Sharon, Shelton, Summerland, McComb Central, Pattison, Red Lick, Fayette, Hermanville, Union Church, Heidelberg, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Van Winkle, Bethesda, Chapel Hill, Midway, Palestine, New Haven, Vicksburg First.

OCTOBER STANDARDS

Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, Dr. J. C. Murphy, pastor, Carl Bond, superintendent; Marion, Rev. C. E. Talbert, pastor, J. C. Morgan, superintendent; Hepzibah, Rev. G. T. Dukes, pastor, J. B. Speights, superintendent.

Bethany Class, Young People, Main Street Hattiesburg, Mrs. S. C. Ray, teacher; Rainbow Girls, Intermediate, New Albany, Mrs. E. C. Caldwell; Radiant, Intermediate, New Albany, Egbert Martin, joyful servants, Intermediate New Albany, Now is the time to make application for standard recognition. Mrs. Sisco Phyfer; Sunshine Scatterers, Intermediate, New Albany, Mrs. N. H. Hamilton; Beginner Department 4, Jackson First, Miss Ellen Hederman; Beginner Department 3, Jackson Parkway, Mrs. O. C. Strickland; Primary, Calhoun City, Mrs. Z. W. Powell; Junior Department 1, Pascagoula First, Mrs. C. R. Haire.

We are grateful to you leaders for this excellent work in maintaining standard recognition for all classes, department and schools for the quarter ending September 30.

One great value of the standards is that they keep before us certain vital parts of the work and give us opportunity to make frequent checks as to where we stand.

—BR—

Slaughter Preaches In New Albany Revival; Music Led By Purgailis Of Latvia

The First Church, New Albany, has just closed one of the most successful revivals in the history of the church. There were 37 additions to the church with practically the entire church membership rededicating their lives to the Master. Several of the young people dedicated themselves to full-time Christian Service with one of our fine young men volunteering for Mission service.

Dr. John L. Slaughter, the popular pastor of the First Church, Birmingham, was the preacher. His messages were simple, gospel messages given from a heart of sincerity. Truly he is one of our great preachers. The singing was under the direction of Rev. Carlos Purgailis, who was born in Latvia, and some years ago emigrated with his family to Brazil. While directing a school of music in Brazil he was discovered by the late Dr. L. R. Scarborough who persuaded him to come to the United States. He is an excellent violinist as well as a singer. Through his playing and singing many people attended the services.

The Rev. Purgailis has some open dates for this fall and for 1948 if any church needs someone to direct singing in a revival. For further information write Rev. Davis, New Albany.

The spirit of this Revival will prevail in the hearts of the people for many days to come.

—BR—

SCOOPA CHURCH FAVORS TITHING PROGRAM

The Scooba Church began an active program of tithing on the first of October and before the month was out there were 46 who had signed tithers' cards with two others coming later. The total membership is 112. Others will come in during the remaining weeks of tithing emphasis. H. H. Daws writes that October was the best month financially that the church has ever experienced.

NEW OFFICE SECRETARY AT JACKSON, FIRST



MISS FREDA GILLASPAY

Miss Freda Gillaspay a graduate of Mississippi College in August, and daughter of Mrs. R. C. Gillaspay of Monticello, began her work as office secretary of First Church, Jackson on October first.

While in Mississippi College Miss Gillaspay was active in the work of the Baptist Student Union.

—BR—

Gift Packages Addressed To Individuals Endanger Lives Of Addressees

A warning against gift parcels to Baptists in some parts of Europe and Asia is issued with regret. Conditions now prevailing in the Balkan States, Spain, and China make the delivery of such parcels embarrassing to our fellow Baptists.

In the case of the Balkan States of Romania and Yugoslavia, the lives of the addressees are actually endangered by the evidence of this friendship with the United States.

In the case of Spain and China, the recipients are charged excessive duty on all packages.

Individuals in Japan and Italy, and in other countries which the Baptist World Alliance serves, may still be reached.

May we call upon you for help in eliminating from the printed page all lists of names and addresses of overseas Baptists. Please refer your readers to the Baptist World Alliance, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington 1, D. C., for the name and address of a Baptist family in any country whom they may befriend in this way.

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The calls upon your Baptist Orphanage for service to children whose homes have been broken up are now more frequent and more insistent than ever before. Pressing applications for the enrollment of children surpass our ability to make room for them in any fold. It therefore becomes necessary for careful evaluation of applications in order that the more meritorious ones may be accommodated. We have a feeling that these boys and girls who have a claim on The Baptist Church should have our first consideration for the services to be rendered. We continue to look to the time when additional buildings can be provided, partial funds for which are available. The continued high cost and scarcity of materials tend to delay the construction of buildings so urgently needed. It is expected that a beginning of this construction will soon be made, the continuance of which will be dependent on ability to pay. WE PAY AS WE BUILD is the slogan of your Orphanage and our pledge to the Mississippi Baptist Convention is NO DEBT.

—BR—

The First Baptist Church of Dallas has adopted a budget of \$400,000 for 1948, \$200,000 going to missions. The First Church, Oklahoma City, reported pledges of \$229,500 in one day, without canvassing a single person.

The Need Is Great

By Louis J. Bristow

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, 'Depart in peace; be ye warmed and filled,' notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" So James presents a practical problem to Christians who professed to believe in Jesus as Saviour. Then he asks a question: "Can that faith save him?"

I have just returned from a visit to the Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans. I saw bundles and boxes of food and clothing ready to be shipped to Europe and Asia to feed the hungry and clothe those who are ill-clad. In conversation with Charles R. Gage, Promotional Director of the work, I learned that gifts are being received from only a very small portion of our Southern Baptist constituency for this work. Brethren this ought not so to be. Sympathy alone from one who is able to give relief is a mockery. Generous words are a poor substitute for food and clothing.

Others have presented the conditions and made appeals more stirring than anything I can say; but I add my voice to the requests for help. Every garment, every shoe, every can of food helps. This is a Christian service, comparable to the gifts made by the Gentile churches of New Testament times for the relief of the Jewish sufferers in Jerusalem.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me." Share what you can spare; Send it today to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

—BR—

BAPTISTS MAY BOYCOTT STORES OPEN ON SUNDAY

Houston, Texas—(RNS)—Boycott of stores selling on Sunday is the unofficial sentiment of the Baptist Pastors Conference here. The conference led an unsuccessful fight to have stores closed on Sundays under an oil 1882 city ordinance forbidding sales of some products on the Sabbath. The city council recently repealed the ordinance.

At a meeting the Baptist Pastors Conference lauded store owners who voluntarily closed their stores on Sunday, but the pastors failed to take action on a resolution offered during the meeting to have some 100,000 Baptists in some 90 churches represented at the conference refrain from Sunday buying.

—BR—

Laymen Did The Whole Job

Lawson H. Cooke

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal is the only denominational periodical published exclusively for the men of our churches. For this reason we endeavor to keep it masculine in its content and appeal.

The January, February, March number of the Journal is really something new under the sun. At least it is unique in the field of denominational journalism. Every word of this number, from cover to cover, was written by Southern Baptist laymen, and it was printed in the shop of a Baptist layman. It is a one-hundred-per-cent laymen production. And it has been exceedingly well done.

We doubt that such a publication has ever before appeared in the long list of religious periodicals.

Sunday School Lesson

by Hight C. Moore
For November, 16

BUILDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Perhaps at Babylon about A. D. 68, shortly before his martyrdom, Peter wrote his second epistle in which he described the building of Christian character with capacity for Christian service and urged utmost diligence in the symmetrical development of the Christian life.

Shortly before, or soon after, the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in A. D. 70 the epistle of Jude was written to Jewish Christians who were troubled by false teachers and needed help in their defense of the faith.

Lesson Text and Outline

2 Peter 1:5-11; Jude 17-21, 24-25

I. PATTERN FOR BUILDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER (2 Peter 1)

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Wherefore rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

II. PROGRESS IN BUILDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER (Jude)

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

The Lesson of the Lesson

(1) **Build for God.** "Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless."

(2) **Build with Diligence.** "Giving all diligence, add to your faith . . . give diligence to make your calling and election sure."

(3) **Build by Specifications.** "Add to your faith virtue; . . . knowledge . . . temperance . . . patience . . . godliness . . . brotherly kindness . . . charity."

(4) **Build for Service.** "If these things be in you, and abound, they

Elected Chaplain of AMVETS



REV. C. ROGER BELL

Rev. C. Roger Bell of Fort Worth, Texas, was unanimously elected National Chaplain of the AMVETS, Veterans of World War II, at their convention recently held in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Bell is the first Protestant or Baptist Chaplain to be elected to this post. He succeeds Chaplain S. H. Ray of Loyola University, New Orleans.

Rev. Bell, a native of Gastonia, North Carolina, is a graduate of Wake Forest College. He is at present a student in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and Chaplain of the AMVET post there. The AMVET organization which was chartered in June, 1947 is the only official voice of World War II veterans and Chaplain Bell considers this post not so much an honor, but an opportunity to serve.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES AND UNIONS! We know the boys and girls of the Orphanage can depend on you to do your best for them at all times. Please be sure to urge every member of your organization to make a **THANKSGIVING OFFERING**.

make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful."

(5) **Build Again Falsity.** "Mockers in the last time, who . . . walk after their own ungodly lusts . . . sensual, having not the Spirit."

(6) **Build on Earth.** "Building up yourselves on your most holy faith."

(7) **Build in Prayer.** "Praying in the Holy Ghost."

(8) **Build in Faithfulness.** "Keep yourselves in the love of God."

(9) **Build in Hope.** "Looking for the eternal life."

mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto

(10) **Build for Eternity.** "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Gold in the Golden Text

Keep yourselves in the love of God. Jude 21.

First, here is the upward look to the love of God. Think of the love of God in him for us and the love of God in us for him. Since his love always abounds toward us, the reciprocity of love must be maintained by us. To do that we must (as the context shows) build on our most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Again, here is the onward look to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ culminating in his second coming and continuing forever as we dwell in the "house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens."

NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS SET EVANGELISM RECORD

ROSWELL, N. M. —(BP)— New Mexico Baptists, meeting in their annual convention, heard reports that their ratio of baptisms to church membership was one to eleven during the past year, about double the achievement of Southern Baptists as a whole.

Other announcements revealed that the state had far exceeded its goal in the tithers enlistment appeal, and the gift of \$50,000 by Mrs. T. H. Rixey of Clayton, N. M., in interest of a Baptist student center building at the State university.

Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, was elected president of the convention.

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STORIES OF WONDERFUL HYMNS by Kathleen Blanchard is the fourth in a collection of "stories behind the hymns." The author says "This book is dedicated to the memory of those inspired men and women who gave to the world these wonderful songs. Their voices are now hushed, but their songs continue to scatter sunshine and happiness across the world—a bright light to those in dark places, hope to the discouraged, and a calm harbor in the storms of life." Among the 62 hymns included in this volume are: *Almost Persuaded*, *He Leadeth Me*, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, *The Ninety and Nine*, *Jesus Loves Me* and *Break Thou The Bread of Life*. Order from the publisher, Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store for \$1.50.

—BR—

Miss Georgia Harkness, Evanston, Ill., and Dr. John Wick Bowman, San Anselmo, California, have been named as the winners of the \$7,500 book manuscript contest promoted by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. Miss Harkness has written on "Prayer and the Common Life." Dr. Bowman has written on "The Religion of Maturity."

No Time To Lose

By R. Paul Caudill, Chairman
Relief Committee, Baptist World Alliance

Now that the Administration Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has unanimously adopted the recommendations of its Relief Committee, setting forth the two-fold goal of "clothes for a million people—a million dollars for food" as the next and immediate response of Baptists in the continuing program of relief for war-stricken lands, it is hoped that Baptists throughout the world will throw strength solidly behind the undertaking. The appeal for a million dollars for food is to be made between now and January 30 as the churches involved may elect.

The prospect for the winter in Germany, on the basis of late reports, are indicated of much suffering. Diseases due to malnutrition are rampant. Tuberculosis is greatly on the increase and is claiming more and more of the bodies of little children to say nothing of the deadly toll that it is taking from the older age groups.

It is hoped that every pastor in every church throughout the South may be led to move with sympathetic concern and ready dispatch. The winter is already on and we dare not lose a moment of the time which is of such supreme importance in the light of our task. Mississippi churches are gathering clothes and offerings to help in this cause.

—BR—

The trains as usual will transport all supplies free of charge to the Orphanage this Thanksgiving. The Orphanage has a new Commissary. This building will hold a lot of canned goods, staple groceries, flour, sugar, meal, lard, baking powder, brooms, mops, any type of clothing for boys and girls as well as any kind of household articles.

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CONVENTION COMMENTS

"... The honor and responsibility of appearing on convention program was one of the most spiritual and inspirational experiences in my life. I was very much impressed with the spiritual tone of the convention. I am very grateful for the opportunity of witnessing to the Mississippi students."—HAROLD G. BASDE.

"... I enjoyed being with the students at the state convention. The spirit was fine, and I think the convention was a success in every way."—JOHN E. BARNES.

"... We enjoyed the convention in every way, were greatly blessed and are grateful to all who made it so fine in every way."—MARVIN LEAVELL.

"It inspired all of us at M. C. ... You would have been warmed on the inside if you could have heard the testimonies at our Sunday night inspiration from those who attended the convention. It was a little revival meeting."—O. L. MALONE.

"The students from Delta State stopped for the night services in Yazoo City and gave a report to the church of the convention ... the convention was the most spiritual and uplifting State BSU Convention that I've attended."—RILEY MUNDAY.

"It was a great experience for Mrs.

Rouse and me. My group seems to have been highly benefited and returned with a great deal of appreciation for a satisfying experience. I thought it was a great convention, and reached a climactic conclusion at the church service yesterday (Sun.) morning. It was a moving experience indeed to see the large number going down, making personal commitment at the altar of sacrifice."—I. E. ROUSE.

DR. HOLCOMB said at the convention that Christ is the Great Difference between the downward pull of sin and the upward lift of God. All of us should thank God often that He was with us in the person of the Holy Spirit during the convention, and we should pray for the 40 students who made definite decisions at the Sunday morning service. Twenty-three colleges were represented. Total registration was 548, a loss of 15 from last year. Blue Mountain had 115 registrants, Mississippi College 111 for the largest; Woman's College, with 35 had largest registration according to enrollment. More than 80 people participated in the program. Our sincere appreciation to 15th Avenue Church, to Pastor Paul G. Horner, Miss Evelyn Crooke, and all the Meridian friends who did such a marvelous job of entertaining.

BLUE MT'N. SCHEDULES JUNIOR-FRESHMAN WEDDING Mary Kate Lowrey, Norma Jean John To Be Bride and Groom

The traditional Junior - Freshman Wedding at Blue Mountain College will be held in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium November 15, symbolizing the uniting of the junior and freshman classes in the bonds of friendship. Mary Kate Lowrey, Clarksdale, will be the bride and Norma Jean John, Jefferson City, Missouri, will be the groom. The maid of honor will be Angela Branyan, Memphis, Tenn.; matron of honor, Alfalena Jolly, Myrtle; best man, Hazel Rodgers, Yazoo City. Little Ronnie Donnell and Sandra Mitchell, Blue Mountain, will be ringbearer and trainsbearer respectively.

KENNEDY IS SPEAKER AT N. O. SEMINARY ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Dr. R. A. Tullos, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni of Mississippi, announces the Alumni Luncheon to be held in the Convention Hall at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, noon, November 18.

Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy will represent the Seminary at the Mississippi Convention. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, it is hoped, will also attend the luncheon and part of the Convention. All Alumni are urged to secure their tickets before the luncheon.

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PASTORS! The children and faculty of the Baptist Orphanage are counting on you to lead your people to make a worthwhile offering this THANKSGIVING SEASON. Preferably on Sunday, November 23rd.

Bridesmaids will be: Catherine Ann Carnell, New Albany; Jessie Jean Jeffers, Tyler, Tex.; Katherine Jane Griffin, West Memphis, Ark.; Matilda Plunk, Selmer, Tenn.; Ann McCord, Tupelo; Joyce Keeler, Leesburg, Fla.; Gay Mathis, New Albany; Barbara Donahue, Leland; Carolyn McCord, Tupelo; Betty Sue Dixon, Oakville, Tenn.

Groomsmen will be: Dorothy Lambdin, Knoxville, Tenn.; Jeannie Jones, Baldwin; Mary Louise Oakley, Potts Camp; Virginia Marbury, New Albany; Bidney Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.; Boots Hicks, Sledge; Mary Williams, New Albany; Nell Keen, Elaine, Ark.; Maudean Burrow, Smithville; Virginia Jo Reeves, Waynesboro, Tenn.

Dr. E. N. Patterson of New Orleans Seminary was the guest speaker during the Stewardship Revival at Bassfield Church of which Rev. Joe W. Hudson is pastor. Dr. Patterson is Professor of New Testament. All his messages were on the Bible plan of financing the church. Sixty-two of the Bassfield member signed tithing cards, with the deacons leading out in the matter.

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Wherever you go, in this world of ours, you will find THE CHURCH HAS ESTABLISHED stations for children, who need the HEALING ministry, the TEACHING ministry, and the MINISTRY OF GOD and HIS CHURCH. These children are the people's responsibility, who sit in Church pews and drink from Communion cups, and worship at the Altar. The World's children must be FED—LOVED—and HEALED! THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE of children lies on the adult generation's shoulders. Children are important and must be dealt with in CHILDHOOD. Remember the children of the Baptist Orphanage with a THANKSGIVING LOVE OFFERING.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

FIRST CHURCH, LAUREL

Recently I spent the night in Laurel between Associations, and as it was Wednesday night and the First Baptist Church was nearby I attended prayer meeting. It was a spiritual feast. There was a good crowd and Missionary Gerald Riddel of Columbia was the speaker. His account of his work and the pictures he showed were interesting.

The past year with the First Church has been a good one as revealed in the report to the Jones County Association.

There were 188 additions last year and the present membership totals 1,545. The Sunday School enrollment is 1,178 and the Training Union enrollment is 227. The W.M.U. has 420 enrolled and the Brotherhood 85. Total gifts for local work were \$37,400 and for all missions \$40,006. There are 396 record tithers, and probably more by now as the Tithing Campaign had not begun when these figures were made available. There are 547 Baptist Record readers.

Record readers in Jones County are now listed as follows: Bethel 15, Bethlehem 62, Myrick 81, Calvary 14, Centerville 33, County Line 49, Ellisville 138, Fairfield 58, Fellowship 18, Friendship 1, Harmony 45, Hebron 49, Indian Springs 25, Laurel, Second Avenue 290, Laurel, Beacon 118, Lowrey Creek 23, Moselle 71, Mt. Oral 43, New Hope 25, Overt 32, Pine Grove 53, Pleasant Home 1, Sandersville 45, Sand Hill 25, Sharon 44, Soso 97, South Laurel 46, Summerland 40, Tucker Crossing 33, West Laurel 163, Glade 56, Pleasant Ridge 1.

SUMMIT

Summit Baptists are weeping and rejoicing. Weeping because the pastor, Rev. S. M. (Happy) White, has resigned to go to Arizona. They are rejoicing over the completion of the fine new educational building and that without debt.

The occasion of our visit was to talk about our recent trip to Europe, and some spiritual truths connected with the trip. A large congregation was on hand and as usual the fellowship was as good.

Pike County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bala Chitto 21, Calvary 15, Central 17, East McComb 312, Fernwood 64, Friendship 131, Holmesville 35, Johnston Station 34, McComb First 489, McComb Southside 86, Magnolia 148, Mt. Zion 62, Navilla 1, Osyka 80, Progress 2, Silver Creek 37, Silver Springs 53, Summit 106, Tangipahoa 89, Terry's Creek 73, Thompson 17, Union 39.

81 ADDED - 13 DROPPED

The Baptist Record never likes to drop names, but when more are added than are dropped, no complaint can be made.

For instance, Pastor Carey Cox of First Church, Hazelhurst, recently

sent a list of 13 names that were to be dropped because of death and removal. BUT, the same letter contained 81 names that were to be added, a net increase of 68.

The Baptist Record likes this kind of additions.

THE B.S.U. CONVENTION

I greatly enjoyed attending the B. S.U. Convention which met with Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, October 31-November 2. State Secretary Horner had prepared a good program and followed it.

I was permitted to speak on the European conditions in the afternoon and on the Baptist World Alliance at the Saturday night session.

This body of Christian students are making themselves felt on the campuses of our colleges and are going to be felt as they go out into the various sections of Mississippi to serve in the years to come.

NEW HOPE IS IN

Having had experience with the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record in other pastorates, Rev. C. S. Moulder of Hattiesburg lost no time in leading New Hope Church, Covington County, to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Mrs. Wilmer Lowery, Rt. 1, Sumrall, is the treasurer.

In addition to the 16 Baptist Records now going to New Hope Church, Covington County has the following listed as Record readers: Collins 53, Leaf River 35, Lebanon 24, Mt. Horeb 32, Mt. Olive 82, New Hope 16, Ora Church 2, Salem 124, Sanford 31, Seminary 87, Union Senior 1, Williamsburg 36.

MILNER DOES IT AGAIN

Wherever Rev. H. A. Milner preaches he also promotes the Baptist Record. His latest triumph is Poplar Springs Church in Simpson County where he serves in the afternoon. In fact, Pastor Milner is so faithful in helping promote the Baptist Record that he really should be put on the list as assistant circulation manager.

The list from Poplar Springs contains 36 names and will greatly aid the Baptist Record in its present effort to reach the 59,000 mark before the State Convention which meets on November 17.

Simpson County now has record readers as follows:

Antioch, 11; Athent, 28; Beulah, 4; Braxton, 49; Coats, 10; D'Lo, 66; Dry Creek, 7; Fork, 47; Goodwater, 7; Goshen, 21; Harrisville, 53; Jupiter, 2; Macedonia, 56; Magee, 136; Mendenhall, 96; Mt. Zion, 96; New Hope, 40; New Zion, 2, Oak Grove, 69; Pine Grove, 5; Pinola, 60; Pleasant Hill, 38; Pleasant Valley, 37; Shivers, 35; Siloam, 43; Spring Hill, 8; Stonewall, 30; Strong River, 32; Weathersby, 5; New Bethlehem, 8; Rose Hill, 24; Kennedy Springs, 8; Poplar Springs, 36.

ISSAQUENA SENDS LIST

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Issaquena First Baptist Church on the growing list of churches that have made the Baptist Record a part of their program. The list was sent by Mrs. Troy Sandifer of Chatham, Mississippi and contains 14 names.

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The liquor forces have been at work in an effort to get our next session of the legislature to legalize beer, wine, and whiskey. They have been spending a great deal of money to this end. Those of us who realize what legalized liquor would mean for our state should work hard to keep them from doing this. Surely Christian people know that this is our PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1. We should also know that everyone can do something toward keeping our state dry, at least legally. If this is done we can make great strides in drying it up actually. If you have not already done so, write your senators

and representatives who will sit in the legislature and urge them to do everything in their power to strengthen and enforce our liquor laws. If we can make all of them realize that public sentiment is against the sale of intoxicating drinks, more of them will be encouraged to stand. Don't forget that the liquor crowd will be busy, and they are unscrupulous. They will stoop to anything to advance their interests. They are after dollars at any cost in property, blood, heartache, and tragedy. Join us in prayer and do everything within your power to put down this our greatest enemy.

Truman Urges Peace In Talk To Baptists

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS)—Appearing at a service held in the First Baptist church here to celebrate transfer of the headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance from London to Washington, President Truman assured his fellow Baptists that the United States is working for "a just and lasting peace." The President was introduced by Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor of the church, as "our good friend and fellow Baptists." The Chief Executive faced the congregation and said:

"It is a pleasure for me to have the privilege to be present on this occasion tonight. It is a great day in the history of the United States and of Washington. And seconding Dr. Pruden's words of welcome, I would like to extend to you an official welcome, if I may. 'We are glad to have you here. We hope that you will take to heart the prayer in the invocation for a just and honorable peace.' Mr. Truman was referring to the invocation given at the start of the service by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist Alliance.

"That's all the United States Government has ever wanted," the President continued. "That's all it has ever asked for, and we are using every means at our command to get the proper moral support for that fair and just peace. 'I had hoped by this time that we would have it. We are getting closer all the time, and we will eventually get it, but we must have the support of all those organizations that stand for God and for a moral code in the world. 'You can contribute that immensely. I hope you will. We are certainly glad to have you.'"

Mr. Truman's arrival at the service was unexpected and marked the second time in several weeks that he had addressed an audience in the First Baptist church. On the previous occasion, he spoke to a group of Sunday School children.

Outlining what he described as the "world's enormous needs," Dr. Johnson said "every action taken by Congress or the President in this relief crisis will have the unequivocal support of the great body of Baptists throughout the United States and the world."

"Baptists," he said, "will evangelize as we feed and clothe the hungry and naked." While doctrine will not be forgotten, he added no doctrinal difficulties must be allowed to stand in the way of unity for relief of the sick

Tate County Association Meets At Tyro Church

The 27th annual meeting of Tate County Association was held Oct. 9 at the Tyro Church with Rev. Chas. O. Pate of Senatobia preaching the associational sermon and Rev. Robert W. Martin of Batesville representing the Convention Board.

All the 17 churches were represented with the exception of the Salem Church which has ceased to function and was therefore dropped from the roll of the association. The reports showed gratifying progress and an increase of 158% in gifts to the Co-operative Program.

Messengers pledged themselves to see that the 3-Months Tithing Pledge is stressed in all the churches and agreed upon goals in Co-operative Program support which will be recommended to the several churches for next year. A Temperance Committee was appointed.

The next meeting will be held at Mt. Zion Church, Independence, and the following officers were elected: Moderator, Dr. H. L. Martin, Senatobia; vice-moderator, Rev. A. T. Cinnamond, Senatobia; clerk and treasurer, J. A. Bullard, Northwest Junior College; B.T.U. director, Rev. F. V. McFatrige; music director, Rev. Chas. O. Pate, Senatobia.

The hospitality of the Tyro Church was gracious and bountiful and the meeting as a whole was pronounced one of the best ever held by the association.

and needy of the world."

Other speakers were Dr. W. H. Jer-nagin, representing the National Baptist Convention of the U. S.; Dr. Joseph C. Hazen of New York, corresponding secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention; and Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist leaders from other nations who addressed the gathering included Dr. C. J. Tinsley of Australia, former president ad interim of the Alliance; Dr. A. T. Ohn of Norway; Dr. Bred-hal Peterson of Denmark; and Dr. H. H. Bingham of Canada.

NORTHWEST PASTORS MEET

The October meeting of the Northwest Mississippi Pastors' Conference was held Oct. 14 at the Batesville Church with Rev. Robert W. Martin as host pastor and the president, Rev. A. T. Cinnamond, presiding.

The reports showed excellent work in the churches represented with a marked increase in the support of the Co-operative Program and encouraging interest in the Tithers' Enlistment Campaign.

Rev. Charles Everitt of Paynes conducted the opening devotionals and three addresses were delivered: Rev. Kermit Canterbury of Charleston discussed "The Church and Military Training"; Rev. E. R. Henderson of Grenada spoke on "The Pastor and His Contacts"; and Rev. L. J. Crumby of Coffeeville presented a study of the Book of Esther.

Others taking part in the meeting were Rev. Walton E. Lee of Como, Rev. F. V. McFatrige of Coldwater, Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia, Rev. M. C. Whitten of Hernando, Rev. A. H. Childress of Lula, Rev. C. L. Howe of Philipp, Rev. Aubrey Moore of Batesville, Rev. Dan Cameron of Spring Hill, Rev. J. W. Oliver of Courtland and Rev. W. F. Garner of Sardis.

The next conference will be at Batesville on Nov. 25.

Two items on the State Convention Program were inadvertently omitted from the copy of the Convention Program which was sent to the Baptist Record for publication. We are glad to make the correction in this week's paper. On Wednesday afternoon, November 19 at 2:45 the report on Evangelism and Stewardship will be made by State Evangelist, B. H. Benton, and at 3:00 on the same afternoon the report on Institutional Visitation will be made by Rev. James B. Parker.

There were 114 present at the prayer service on October 29 at Durant Church, C. M. Day, pastor.

Rev. W. A. Frye of Venus Texas has been called as pastor of First Church, Apalachicola, Florida and will move to the new field, December first.

I am perfectly certain that the universal character of the Bible commends its message as the cure for all the ills—personal, national, and world—that confront our pitifully troubled age; I am equally certain that this message, unready and unapplied, is as powerless as the empty vaporings of an imbecile. You and I are challenged by the very seriousness of conditions in our day to do our utmost to make the universal Book known and read and applied by all men—and let's begin with us. . . . John L. Hill in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. —(BP)—The Broadway Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., has been accepted for membership in the Long Run Association of Kentucky Baptists and through that group co-operates with the Southern Baptist Convention. The petition for membership of the Indianapolis church, 100 miles from Louisville, was received and accepted at the recent meeting of the Long Run Association. Messengers representing the church were in attendance to present the application.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

November 9, 1947

	SS	BTU
Tupelo, Harrisburg	272	100
Paul Truitt Memorial	61	58
Jackson, Davis Memorial	274	75
Jackson, North Side	359	138
Jackson, Van Winkle	203	186
Jackson, Calvary	1351	320
Jackson, Calvary, including		
Stone St. Mission	1393	368
Jackson, Southside	125	90
Jackson, Parkway	577	236
Friendship, Pike County	185	105
Soso	109	69
Enon, Panola County	73	47
Cross Roads, Webster County	60	43
Center, Union County	132	70
Booneville, First	247	122
Murphy Creek, Winston		
County	133	68
Calhoun City, First	206	61
Newton	358	147
South Laurel	97	44
Grenada, First	526	97
Glenfield, Union County	51	36
Paynes	144	67
Pleasant Valley, Simpson		
County	116	
Corinth, Tate Street	245	92
Houlka	86	42
Slayden	68	46
Sardis	157	53
Darling	59	30
New Zion, Copiah County	84	60
Carmel, Lawrence County	132	106
Greenville, First	583	216
Pascagoula, First	701	201
Gulfport, First	589	142
Lucedale	251	90
Brookhaven, First	739	146
Columbus, First	767	297
Petal-Harvey	228	100
New Albany, First	536	222
New Albany, First including		
North Side Mission	567	255
Jackson, First	1255	460
West Laurel	446	117
Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue	461	187
Crystal Springs	583	109
Hattiesburg, Main Street	741	305
Greenwood, First	505	

November 2, 1947

	SS	BTU
Greenwood, First	506	
Paynes	144	79
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	66	38
Pascagoula, First	699	206
Centerville	154	50
Glenfield, Union County	64	38
Kreole	101	48
East McComb	377	247
Chalybeate	45	37
Cross Roads, Webster County	68	
Mantee	94	42
Chester	45	
Rocky Creek, George		
County	196	109
Star	142	102
Durant	224	84

YAZOO ASSOC. MEETS AT BENTONIA

The Yazoo County Association met with the Bentonla church October 23. Five of our Baptist leaders attended. Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor Baptist Record, Rev. N. S. Jackson, Supt. Anti-Saloon League, Professor Rennells, Clark College, Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain College and Rev. C. J. Olander, Leader of the Aged Ministers Relief Fund Each spoke concerning his respective work.

Letters from the twenty - one churches revealed the following facts: Baptist 233, Gifts to local work \$66,-890, Cooperative Program \$5,615.00, Designated Gifts \$6,490.00. This was a gain of \$12,378 over 1946, while we gained only one in baptisms over 1946.

The officers were reelected, Dr. Webb Brame, Moderator, Rev. Don Land, Vice-Moderator, Rev. Robert I. Martin, Clerk and Treasurer.

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51 NEW UNIONS ORGANIZED IN SEPTEMBER

Every month we receive our report of newly organized unions and rejoice to see how our church are meeting the needs of training by adding this important department of work. In September there were 51 unions who received free literature for the first quarters work which is available to any newly organized union. Would you believe this? Our conviction is that in Mississippi at least 90% of our churches have at one time had some phase of training union work set up. The loss of a leader is usually the reason for a union to discontinue its operation. Now the unions that are organized usually continue, for our leaders are most dependable, and there are more of them. Let us not be satisfied until, not 90% of our churches have a union, but 100% of them are so organized. And let us see that EVERY union is doing a GOOD training job.

In September we issued 2,063 Training Union study course awards in Mississippi. Only Texas, Georgia and Tennessee were ahead of us. These awards went to 33 of our associations. Two of our association have not yet sent in requests for awards this year. We have written pastors in these associations asking them to cooperate so we can report this goal of every association in the state having had study course work. We hope this may be done. This will be our greatest year in number of study course awards issued. A full report to be made later. In the September report the adults led with 607, Juniors next with 568, Intermediates third with 457, Young People fourth with 306, and then there were 130 administration awards.

UNION ENLARGES TRAINING UNION

Thanks to Miss Ann Swetnam, Educational Director of the Union church, for a good report showing progress of their training union. Before their revival they were having an attendance below 90, since then the attendance has gone to 132. The general assembly has been revived and everything looks good for continued growth with enlarged opportunities for service. The deepening of the spiritual life always leads to a desire for a larger place in the Lord's program. Congratulations, Union.

TWO MORE STANDARD TRAINING UNIONS

Pickens and East McComb join the group of Standard Training Unions in Mississippi. This gives us seven for the year. Mrs. R. B. Gunter is the director of the Pickens Union, Mr. McCollough is the director of East McComb. We congratulate both of these churches, pastors, and directors. They have achieved a worthy goal. It has meant work and cooperation on the part of all leaders. We will have more about our standard unions later.

DEER CREEK ASSOCIATION HAS PRACTICAL PROGRAM ON "HOW WE DID IT"

"We did it this way" was the subject of the last general mass meeting of the Deer Creek Associational Training Union. The four phases of the

work discussed were. This way we bettered our general assembly, Hollandale Union. This way we increased our attendance and interest by visitation, Belzoni Union. This way we increased our efficiency through Monthly Officers Councils, 1st Greenville Union. This way we increased our fellowship through our social program, Catchings Union. New officers were installed for the coming year. This association has its meetings on Tuesday night and find it a good time. They plan for an increased attendance at the next meeting. A fine spirit exists and a growing interest. Harold Douglas is the Associational Missionary.

PICK OUT YOUR THIRTEEN FAVORITE SONGS

As announced last week we are asking all churches to report to their associational director the thirteen favorite songs of the church. These will be sent by the associational director to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Director of The Radio Commission 427 1-2 Moreland Ave. N. E. Atlanta 6, Ga. These will come in from all over the Southern Baptist Convention. The thirteen getting the highest vote will be used, one each Sunday morning, January through March on the Baptist Hour. DO IT NOW, time is wasting!

—BR—

Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

- November 17 — Douglas McDonald, Rankin County Training Union Director.
- November 18 — Dr. Fred Moseley, Pastors' Advisory Committee District 7, Brotherhood.
- November 19 — Pray for churches as they plan for the Every Member Canvas.
- November 20 — Pray for churches and individuals as they bring gifts for the Orphanage at Thanksgiving.
- November 21 — D. H. Price, vice-president District 8, Brotherhood.
- November 22 — Homer Holmes, Walthall County Training Union Director.
- November 23 — Evan Godwin, President Lauderdale County Brotherhood Association.

—BR—

The daily average per capita cost for the thirteen larger Orphanages of North Carolina and South Carolina is \$1.59. This is .45 per capita cost per day more than the Baptist Orphanage of Mississippi. The average per capita cost per day of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage for 1947 was per capita cost of these thirteen Orphanages of North and South Carolina it would have had an additional expenditure of \$26,587.38. This saving to our Baptist constituency has not been at the expense of the essential needs of our children.

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Mexico City—(RNS)—The Mexican Supreme Court upheld a law which forbids acts of external religious worship in a decision denying the two Presbyterian ministers a restraining order against the state government of Campeche.

The ministers, the Rev. Braulio Dzul and the Rev. Donciano Sima, were arrested two months ago after they had set up a public address system in the town of Becal. They were charged with violation of the law against acts of external worship and were fined for violating an anti-public noise ordinance.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE ALUMNI ELECTS OFFICERS Doris Nell Wallace Is Queen Of Homecoming Day

Clinton, Miss.: On November 8, which was Home-coming day at Mississippi College, the Alumni Association held its annual meeting and elected officers for the coming year as follows: Edward L. Byrd, Meridian, President; Evon Ford, Raleigh, vice-pres.; Wilson Fulton, Clinton, Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive committee will consist of these officers together with N. L. Walker of Shelby, John Wade Landrum, Canton, and Clyde Blankenship of Bay Springs.

The retiring officers of the Alumni Association are J. Wesley Miller of Rolling Fork, President, and Judge P. M. Lee of Forest; Vice-President. Some of the aims of the Association are the establishment of a loan fund for students, the election of "The man of the year" from among the alumni and the employment of a full time Alumni Secretary.

The foot ball game resulted in another victory for Mississippi College, the score being Miss. College 34, Louisiana College 0. Between halves, the Queen of Home-coming day was crowned in a beautiful ceremony. Granville Gore of Jackson, Captain of the team placed the crown on the head of Miss Doris Nell Wallace of Carthage, the young lady who had

been elected by the student body. The Maid of Honor was Miss Frances McCullough of Memphis and the representatives of the classes who formed the court were Misses Billie Eakes of Ellisville, Senior; Doris Irvin of Hazlehurst, Junior; Martha Jean May of Silver Creek, Sophomore; and Jerry Benton, Clinton, Freshman.

The young men attendants were Harlan Wallace, Canton; Billy Lewis, Kentwood, La.; Joe Frank Hamilton, Memphis; Bill Hardy, Georgetown; John Olander, Morgan City; and Richard Winstead, Morton.

BY UNKNOWN WAYS by W. G. Branch, shows that God's promise in Isaiah 42:16 "I will bring the blind by a way that they know not . . . I will make darkness light before them," is repeatedly fulfilled. With the hope of helping those whose lives are fettered by suffering of any kind, he presents records of people who have soared above the barriers of painful handicaps. Dr. Branch is a Londoner by birth, and studies at the Midland Baptist College at Nottingham. For more than 40 years he was active in the Baptist ministry in the Midlands of England. Now retired Dr. Branch is devoting his time to writing and to the service of the local churches. Order BY UNKNOWN WAYS from The Westminster Press, Philadelphia 7, Pa., or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.50.

There were seven additions on October 26 at Iuka Church, and one conversation of November 2. Rev. Jack Cranford is pastor.

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SOUTHSIDE JACKSON MAKES CHANGES IN MUSIC SETUP

The Southside Baptist Church, Rev. S. W. Valentine, Pastor, has recently purchased a grand piano for their auditorium, brought 200 Broadman hymnals and re-arranged their Choir platform so that it is directly behind the pulpit. They had forty to complete a Training Course in Church Music using PRACTICAL MUSIC LESSONS for their study.

We congratulate them and know that their music program is going to be greatly helped by these changes.

ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC DIRECTORS

Many of the associations have elected a director of the association to work with the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and W.M.U. song leaders. Please let us have their names in our office as we will be mailing them literature at an early date.

Clarke Shows Phenomenal Growth; Consequent Space Shortage

Clarke College has outgrown its present administration Building which houses the library, classrooms and administrative offices. The present library is far too small. Classroom space is inadequate. All administrative officials, except the Dean, use the same office. There are no offices for teachers nor even for departments. The need for a new Administration Building is great.

The library reading room cannot possibly accommodate all the students. Its capacity is not more than thirty to be divided among 250 students. This is a present and pressing problem.

In order to accommodate 250 students, classes must be held from 8:15 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Some 50 classes use the eight classrooms daily. Thus, there is a pressing need for more classroom space.

Office space is far from adequate. The BSU Secretary, bookkeeper, general secretary, Administrative Assistant and President are forced to use the same office. There is no place for private consultation with students or visitors. There are no private offices for teachers or departments. The various departments and administrative officials could profitably utilize ten additional offices.

W. P. SANDIFER RETIRES

Rev. W. P. Sandifer has resigned as pastor of Smyrna church, Copiah County and retired from the active pastorate as of October 1.

During his many years as a pastor Mr. Sandifer has served 72 churches most of which were in Copiah, Lincoln, Lawrence, Simpson and Smith Counties.

Mr. Sandifer who lives at Wesson will be available for supply work or evangelistic meetings.

CHANGE OF DIRECTORS OR PIANISTS

If you have made a change in your director or pianist, please let us have this information for our files.

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The following books are available for study in classes or home study. All of these give credit on the Church Music diploma:

1. Practical Music Lessons.
2. Let Us Sing.
3. Music and the Scriptures.
4. Hymn Playing.
5. Methods and Materials for the Graded Choirs.
7. Instrumental Music.

All of these are available from the Baptist Book Store except three. Order PRACTICAL MUSIC LESSONS and METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR THE GRADED CHOIRS from this Department, Box 530, Jackson for 40c each except METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR THE GRADED CHOIRS which is 50c.

C. C. GULLETT ELECTED ASSOCIATION SUPT.

C. C. Gullett was elected superintendent of the Prentiss County Associational Sunday School at the annual meeting. We are looking forward to meeting soon, and hope that every officer will be there. We hope to work it out so that we can have a meeting each month, cooperating with the Training Union. Boy! Won't this be a happy preacher when the Associational Sunday School and Training Union function as they should. We have a great year ahead of us. Much work to be done! Let's do it! The Bible Week in January ought to be one of the greatest. Then there is our county-wide enlargement campaign in March. Mr. Gullett and his corps of workers have a great opportunity in promoting all of these activities. Too, just think of the twenty-five Vacation Bible schools we mean to have next summer. The greatest year Prentiss County Baptists ever knew is before us!

It is the desire and aim of our great leaders for the last church, the smallest, to have the best that the biggest church has. In getting this to the "last" church the association is the best approach. The associational organization (S. S., B. T. U. Brotherhood, W. M. U.) headed by a consecrated missionary, receiving support from all the pastors will take the best that is in any of our churches to all our churches. — J. B. Laney.

Purser In Belzoni Revival

Belzoni, Miss. — Dr. Frank M. Purser of Oxford was the preacher and O. L. Chambers of Vicksburg was the song leader in the revival meeting at the Belzoni Church, C. A. Molpus, pastor, October 19-26.

Dr. Purser's messages were inspiring and heart-stirring, and we feel that more interest was shown in this revival than in any other in several years. The attendance and interest at the 7:30 morning services were especially good, with an average of over one hundred attending these services. There were eighteen additions to the church during the meeting.

John Maddox Comes To Magnolia Church



REV. JOHN MADDOX

On October 15, Rev. John Maddox, for the past two years associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dennison, Texas, accepted the call to the First Baptist Church of Magnolia, Miss., as Pastor. He succeeds Dr. B. Frank Smith.

Bro. Maddox is a member of the famous Missionary-Maddox family of Brazil. His parents, now in Waco, Texas, were for 41 years Southern Baptist Missionaries to South America. John is one of six noble sons, all of whom are serving in outstanding Suc-

Guy Little Goes To Columbia

Rev. Guy Little has resigned the pastorate of New Zion Church, Copiah County, effective November 9, and has accepted the work at East Columbia. He will preach his first sermon there on November 16.

Mr. Little is a graduate of Mississippi College in the class of 1945 and succeeds Rev. O. C. Chance, who resigned at East Columbia to accept a pastorate in Waltham County.

cess in various parts of the world. Paul Maddox is chief of Chaplains for the entire European Theater, mentioned in the Baptist Record Nov. 5, 1947.

John is a graduate of Georgetown Baptist College, Georgetown, Ky., and a Th. M. graduate of the SOUTHWESTERN Baptist Theological Seminary. While in the Seminary, Bro. Maddox was pastor of the Azle Ave. Baptist Church, in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Maddox is a Mississippi girl, who was before her marriage, Miss Sarah Frances Gill, of Holly Springs. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gill. A graduate of M.S.C.W., Mrs. Maddox has been quite active in church activities, having served as Music Director of the Oakhurst Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., prior to the work in Dennison, Texas. She is well prepared to assist her husband in his work. They have one son, John Ray, Jr., age 13 months.

Mississippi Baptists welcome this choice young couple to our Fellowship.

26,401 Churches In Prayer Meetings New Year's Eve, December 31, 1947

"If my people shall humble themselves and pray." II Chronicles 7:14.

Because of the fact that civilization is probably facing the most critical hour in the history of man, we are making the most earnest appeal of which we are capable to all Southern Baptist churches, regardless of size or location, to join together in the mightiest prayer meeting ever held by our people on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1947. The above date falls on Wednesday night, the time of our midweek prayer service; but we are urging that the service will be different from the usual prayer meetings in that:

First, no church shall be hampered with the problem of time. Begin as early as you choose and stay as late as you choose.

Second, make the service one of song, praise, testimony, and prayer.

Third, make an appeal that everyone present who will pledge to try to lead at least one lost soul to Christ during 1948 come forward and give the leader his hand as a covenant.

Fourth, the following are suggested objects of prayer:

1. Pray for a revival to come in your own heart.
2. Pray for a revival in your church.
3. Pray for a revival to come to Southern Baptists.
4. Pray for a spiritual awakening to come to this world.
5. Pray for the pastors, evangelists, religious leaders, and the missionaries, home and foreign.
6. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon all the leaders.
7. Pray for the State-wide Evangelistic Conference.
8. Pray for the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tennessee, in May, 1948.
9. Pray for a burden to come to your heart for a lost world.

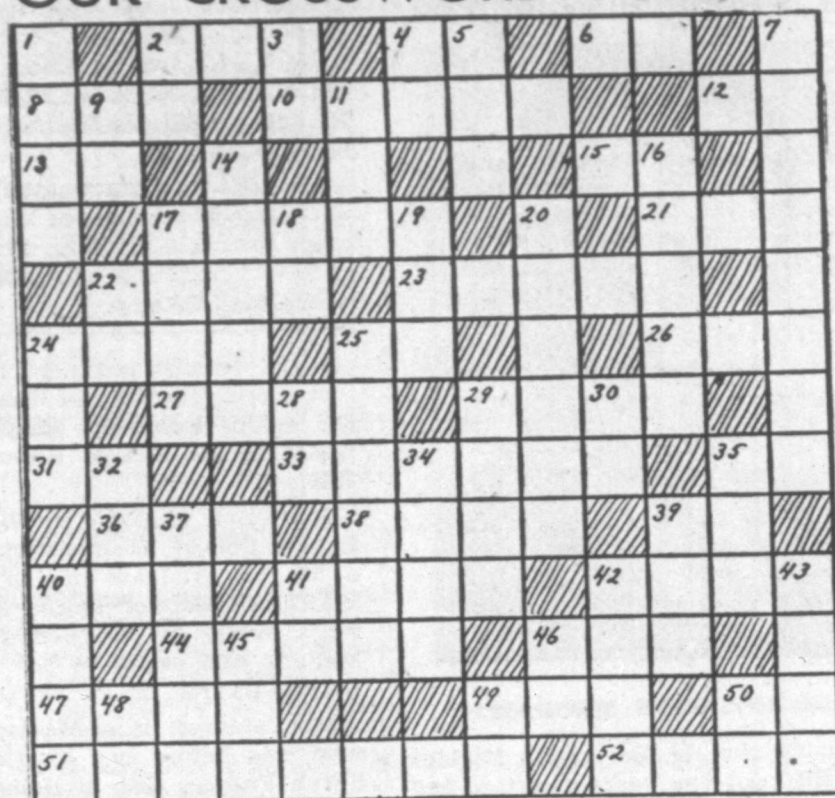
RECOGNITION GIVEN TO PRAYER MEETING ATTENDANCE

We are urging that the largest attendance ever present at prayer meetings among Baptists will be attained New Year's Eve. We are asking that each pastor clip the blank below on New Year's Day, fill it out concerning his own church, and mail it to the Department of Evangelism, 204 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas. Recognition will be given throughout the South to the ten churches that have the largest attendance on the above mentioned night and also to the ten churches that have the largest percentage present based on local membership. The sum total of those attending should number into the millions.

DO NOT FILL THIS OUT NOW. Clip it out and save it until January 1, 1948. Then fill it out and mail to Department of Evangelism, 204 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas.

Name of church	Address
Pastor	Address
Total resident membership	
Total present at prayer service, December 31, 1947	
Remarks	

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." — Matt. 9:6.

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- 2 "the . . . of man hath power on earth to forgive sins" Mark 2:10.
 4 "I will; . . . thou clean" Mark 1:41
 6 "there were certain . . . the scribes sitting there" Mark 2:6
 8 "all that handle the . . ." Ezek. 27:29
 10 "Who can forgive sins, but God . . ." Luke 5:21
 12 "and . . . unto thine house" Matt 9:6
 13 "lying . . . a bed" Matt. 9:2
 15 Month in Hebrew calendar
 17 "When Jesus saw their . . . , he said" Mark 2:5
 21 Small yellow birds (Hawaiian)
 22 "there is none . . . but one, that is, God" Matt. 19:17
 23 "Be of good . . . ; it is I" Matt. 14:27
 24 Cry, as a cat
 25 Royal Marines
 26 "they could . . . come nigh unto him for the press" Mark 2:4
 27 "immediately he . . . up before them" Luke 5:25
 29 "every good . . . bringeth forth good fruit" Matt. 7:17
 31 "Wherefore think . . . evil in your hearts" Matt. 9:4
 33 Having large, incased nostrils
 35 Spain
 36 "and . . . Father which seeth in secret" Matt. 6:4
 38 "baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their . . ." Matt. 3:6
 39 "thou shalt not . . . as the hypocrites are" Matt. 6:5
 40 Sift (Prov. Eng.)
 41 Stimulating narcotic
 42 "the power of the Lord was present to . . . them" Luke 5:17
 44 "thou shalt stand by the river's . . . against he come" Ex. 7:15
 46 "glorified God, which . . . given such power unto men" Matt. 9: 8
 47 Trees of the olive family
 49 Thing
 50 "they sought means to bring him, . . ." Luke 5:18
 51 "forgive, and ye shall be . . ." Luke 6:37
 52 "Give to every man that asketh of . . ." Luke 6:30
 A saying of Jesus is 2, 4, 6, 22, 23, 36, 38, 39, 51, and 52 combined.
- Vertical**
- 1 "there was no . . . to receive them" Mark 2:2
 2 Senior
 3 North America
 4 Buyer's option
 5 "so shall it be in the . . . of this world" Matt. 13:40
 7 "they went upon the . . . , and let him down" Luke 5:19
 9 "seweth a piece of new cloth on . . . old garment" Mark 2:21
 11 "they . . . down the bed" Mark 2:4

- 14 Old Italian coin
 16 "which was . . . of four" Mark 2:3
 17 Number of men that carried the paralytic
 18 The same
 19 Catholic Majesty
 20 "reasoning in their . . ." Mark 2:6
 22 Southern state
 24 "and go thy . . . into thine house" Mark 2:11
 25 "Why . . . ye these things in your hearts" Mark 2:8
 28 Tin
 29 Kind of fish
 30 Eye (Scot.)
 32 Summer (Fr.)
 34 "a man . . . of the palsy" Matt. 9:2
 35 "casting a net into the . . ." Mark 1:16
 37 Son of Ezra I Chron. 4:18
 39 "Arise, and take up thy . . ." Mark 2:11
 40 "they uncovered the . . . where he was" Mark 2:4
 41 Crown of India
 42 "thou . . . the words of eternal life" John 6:68
 43 "precept upon precept; . . . upon . . ." Isa. 28:10
 45 "all our righteousnesses are as filthy . . . s" Isa 64:5
 46 "again . . . entered into Capernaum" Mark 2:1
 48 "and, . . . I am with you always" Matt. 28:20
 49 Royal Navy
 50 Namely

E. W. JAMES LICENSED TO PREACH

On October 26, Sand Hill Church, Green County, licensed E. W. James to preach. He has been a very active deacon in the church, Director of the Training Union, and has served as teacher of the Adult Sunday School class.

Mr. James is, and has been Superintendent of the Sand Hill Consolidated School for the past two years. He has made arrangements to enter the New Orleans Theological Seminary in the fall of 1948. He is now available for supply or pastoral work on the weekends, and would like to get located with a church within reach of the Seminary. His address, at present, is: Route One, Richton, Miss.

Rev. Frank Thomas, Mississippi College student, has been called as pastor of Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg. The deacons speak very highly of their new pastor and say he is leading them places.

FIRST CHURCH, UNION, ADDS 30 DURING REVIVAL

October 19 marked the closing date of the revival at Union; however according to testimonies of the members of our church it was the beginning of a great awakening in the progress of the church. Rev. Fred Graesser of Meridian, the evangelist, and Luther Harrison of Jackson, the singer will be long remembered for the spiritual contributions they made. There were thirty additions to the church—twenty-one of whom were for baptism.

Previous to the revival the Sunday School and the Training Union worked on an inside enlargement campaign. The last Sunday of the revival the Sunday School attendance reached 345, while the Training Union topped its enrollment with 132 present. We are grateful for the Lord's blessing and pray that this may be only a beginning of what our leaders can accomplish through prayer and lowly efforts.

Pastor John I. Hill is a firm believer in an evangelistic program. Through his leadership the church is anticipating great accomplishments in the coming year.

The Lutheran Synod of Virginia is planning a "demonstration" rural church.

Relief Day Observed At Slayden Church

November second was observed as Relief Day at Slayden Church. Rev. R. O. Bankston, pastor. Gifts of money and clothes were brought for foreign relief.

On this day the church voted to pay the expenses of the pastor to the State Convention, and also changed the percentage of gifts to the Cooperative Program from ten to twenty-five percent.

Physical improvements at the church have been the installation of butane gas, and electric lights in the educational department.

New Orleans Seminary Alumni To Hold Convention Luncheon

A luncheon for the Alumni of New Orleans Theological Seminary will be held at noon, November 18, at Robert E. Lee Hotel. Tickets will be on sale early during the convention, so please purchase your ticket as early as possible upon arrival. A very interesting program has been planned for the occasion. Dr. Leavell, president of the Seminary, and Dr. Hardee Kennedy will be present for the occasion.

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SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Merton Avenue Church, Memphis, has recently experienced a gracious revival with Dr. Norris Gillam, director of Tennessee Foundation preaching and Grady Tinney, choir director of the church, leading the music. Seventy-six were received into the fellowship of the church, 43 by letter. Dr. Gillam's type of evangelism—great gospel preaching and personal visitation is a sure winner. Rev. Robert C. Cannon, Mississippian, is pastor of this church.

Reverend Kermit Canterbury is pastor of Charleston Baptist Church. According to the minutes to the Association this church has had a good year. Gifts to local work were \$10,371, (\$2,000 of this was used in repairing the pastor's home), gifts to the building fund and missions \$8,102, or a grand total of \$18,473. This church now has \$34,350 in the building fund. There have been additions to the church the past six Sundays, since Rev. Chester Quarles held a meeting in September. Emphasis on tithing and Stewardship is producing results in many ways.

The offering for State Missions from New Prospect Church, Union County, amounted to \$89.78 according to Pastor Clark Rakestraw.

Blue Springs: Rev. Clark Rakestraw has resigned his work at Falkner in Tipah County in order to accept the pastor of the Wallerville Church in Union County.

In a recent letter to the editor, Dr. William Potter, writes of the progressive measures taken by First church, Camden, Mo., to which he was recently called as pastor. "After only seven weeks," writes the former Carthage pastor, "our hearts rejoice at the progress made by these people. Faced with a definite housing shortage in this resort area, the church has just purchased a new parsonage for us and made it exceedingly comfortable by installing all the necessary heating and cooking equipment." Dr. Potter reports that in the past few weeks, three all time records have been established: attendance at Sunday School and prayer meeting, and the largest single day's offering in the history of the church.

J. M. Burnett, editor of the Baptist Courier, died recently in Greenville, South Carolina.

The Ladies' Class entertained the Men's Class on the lawn of the Perkinson Church recently. Dr. Otis Jones is pastor, and Mrs. G. M. Martin is teacher of the ladies' class. Following a period of recreation and music dinner was served to all.

Friendship Church, Franklin County, observed Clarke College Night on October 19 at which time an offering of \$101 was given for the college. Other activities scheduled on their calendar of events are: Winter Revival, November 30-December 5; Christmas Program, Dec. 23; W.M.U. Emphasis, January 9; Children's Day, February 1; Training Week, March 1-5; Sunday School Social, April 9; Youth Night, April 18; B.T.U. Social May 21; Home Coming Day, May 30; Vacation Bible School, June 21-25; and Summer Revival, July 18-23. Regular worship services are held on first and third Sundays.

Alumni of Southwestern Seminary will have a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 18, at 12:15 noon at the Robert E. Lee Hotel Roof Garden. Dr. Jesse Northcutt, professor of Homiletics will be the featured speaker. Tickets may be obtained during the Convention at First Church, Jackson.-C. O. Estes, president.

Stewardship Night was observed in the Charleston Baptist Church the first Sunday in November. Miss Maion Kiyono of Mississippi College was the speaker. Miss Kiyono spent the war years in Japan and was able to give up-to-date information concerning prospect for missionary work in the Orient. She says the youth of Japan are ready to accept Christianity.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions for Mulberry Church, Montgomery County. The list was sent by W. T. Golding, Lodi.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Rev. Grady H. Smith, Pelahatchie; Rev. Maurice Clayton, Clinton; Dr. W. R. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Flora; Lynton Cooper, Star; Rev. John L. Gilbert, Soso; L. O. Murphy, Laurel; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Dr. F. M. Purser, Oxford; Dr. J. D. Ray, Starkville; Rev. Robert Martin, Batesville; Rev. Virgil Ratliff, Petal; Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman; Rev. F. B. Bookter, McComb; Rev. A. L. Gatewood, Itta Bena; Rev. Guy A. Little, Crystal Springs; Rev. J. D. Walker, Calhoun City; Rev. J. T. Renfro, Shaw.

Alumnae of Woman's Missionary Union Training School will hold a luncheon meeting during the State Convention on Wednesday, November 19 at 1:00 o'clock. Please secure tickets soon upon arrival at the Convention as the number is limited. There will be someone in the vestibule of First Church with the tickets.—Elizabeth Draughon, Jackson, Miss.

Rev. Joseph B. Flowers, Pastor of the Copeland Park Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia recently welcomed the 1000th person to join the church during his 4½ year pastorate. Additions to date this year have totaled 329, 191 by profession and 138 by letter. Rev. Mr. Flowers is the son of Dr. Madison Flowers. Goodman pastor, and was formerly pastor at Winona.

During the recent revival at the Forest Baptist Church, there were 18 professions of faith, and 9 joining by letter. Dr. L. E. Smith, Pastor, was the preacher and S. C. Doty, Music Director, led the singing. Large crowds attended each service and a wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the meeting and continues in all phases of the church life.

The remains of 1st Lt. G. C. Hodge, Jr., recently arrived in New York and is expected to be returned to Biloxi any day. Burial will be in Southern Memorial Park on the beach by the side of his fiancée Miss Velma Fern Carter who died suddenly in April 1947. Lt. Hodge is the elder son of Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Hodge Sr. of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Columbus Roberts, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, has given \$25,000 to the Truett-McConnell College in Georgia.

ERROR CORRECTED: In some way a mistake was made in announcing the date of the Dedication service for the New Hospital Addition. The correct date is Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 and not Wednesday afternoon, as was stated in last week's Baptist Record.

The Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Dr. E. R. Penson pastor, will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary with a special service at the eleven o'clock hour on the third Sunday in November. All are invited to attend.

Better later than never. The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the Southern Baptist Convention Annual, containing the minutes of the 1947 meeting at St. Louis. Evidently the printers of this book are not as speedy as the printers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual, for Purser Brothers usually delivers the annual in a very few days after the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. As always the Southern Baptist Convention Annual is well-prepared and well-printed and contains a wealth of information for interested Baptists.

The Religious Digest plans to merge with Christian Life and Times.

Joe Tribble of Rt. 2, Cascilla, and New Life Church, Tallahatchie County, are good friends of the Baptist Record. As evidence, a recent nice list of new and renewal subscriptions was sent in.

W. O. Pippin of New Montpelier Church, Clay County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions for the Baptist Record.

Pastor W. C. Hamilton who lives at Tishomingo is a real friend of the Baptist Record. At the recent meeting of the Itawamba Association he secured a good list of new and renewal subscriptions.

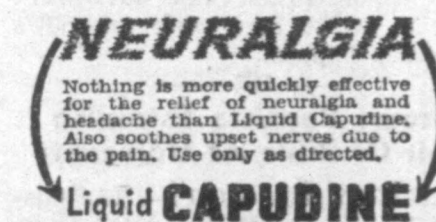
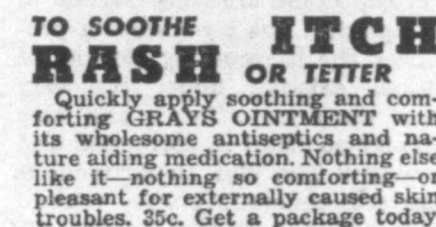
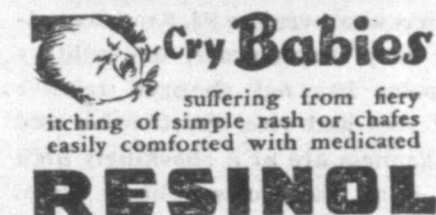
The Baptist Record is grateful to Miss Vera Ray of McCool who recently secured a list of one-half the resident families of the church and sent them in.

Rev. George S. Jarmon, pastor of First Baptist Church of Barlow, Kentucky, and a former pastor in Mississippi recently renewed his subscription to the Baptist Record. He states that the church at Barlow is in good condition. He has recently closed his third year there. During this time there have been 73 additions an average increase in Sunday School attendance of 26 and a B.T.U. organized with three unions, a piano purchased, an order placed for a Wurlitzer Organ, and the annual contributions for denominational purposes have averaged more than \$2,000.

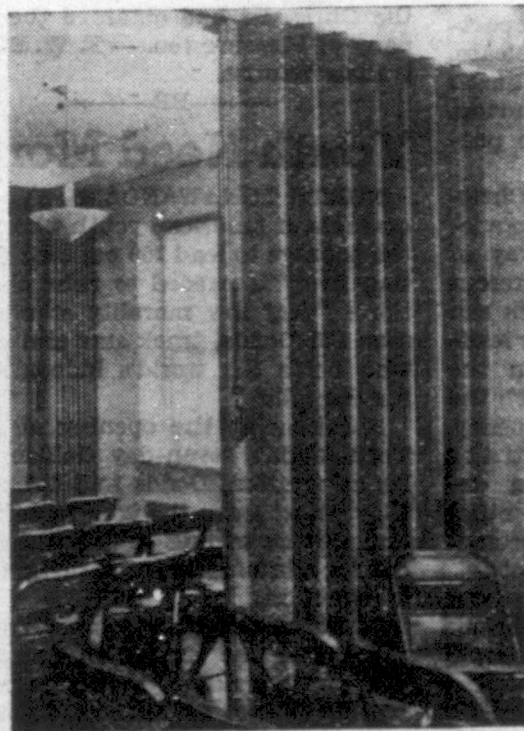
Dr. C. Wade Freeman has been elected superintendent of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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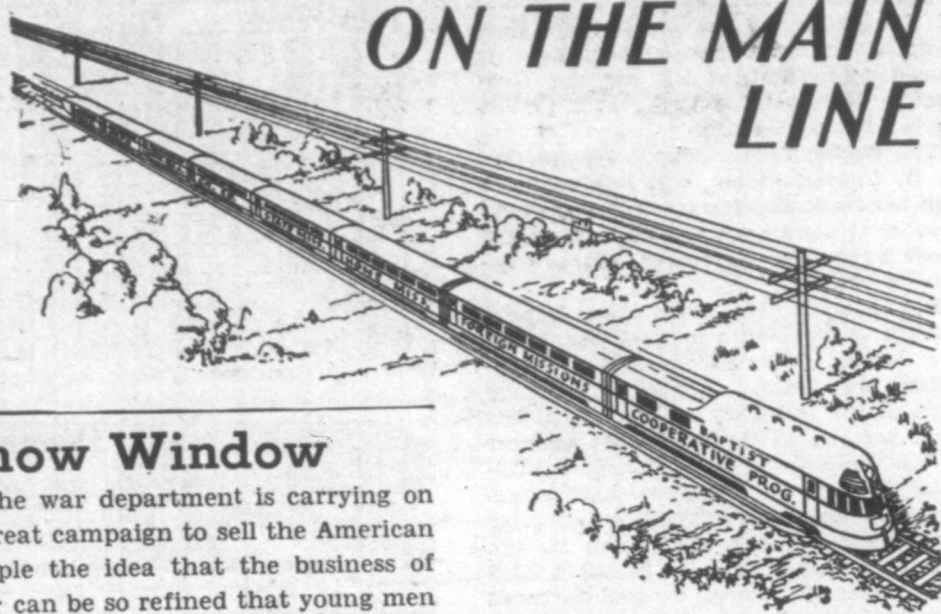
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The war department is carrying on a great campaign to sell the American people the idea that the business of war can be so refined that young men who can go through the training will be better citizens for their experience under American military leaders. The new special training camp at Ft. Knox is the show window demonstration of what the army intend to do with the boys. However, Christian leaders from Alaska, where enormous new military bases are being installed, are reporting that whatever the Ft. Knox experiment may demonstrate, the military viewpoint has not changed relative to alcohol and vice. Prostitution and drunkenness are at a shockingly high peak in all these new military areas. Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, has been voicing protests over the inexcusably deplorable conditions existing under the very noses of the army officials and with apparently no effort at correction and little control. The War Department is very careful concerning vice—venereal diseases and drunkenness in the Ft. Knox demonstration camp, but doesn't seem to give a hoot where nobody's watching. Clipped.

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Missouri Baptists Establish Chair Of Bible At University

MOBERLY, Mo. —(BP)— The Missouri Baptist Association voted at its 113th annual meeting here to establish a Baptist chair of Bible at the University of Missouri in Columbia, and authorized a campaign for \$100,000 to endow the department. Property adjacent to the university campus will be purchased for a Baptist Student Center.

The Association also voted to move its state headquarters office from Kansas City to Jefferson City, nearer the center of the state. Leaders said that the transfer can be completed within two years.

Reports by Dr. T. W. Medearis, general superintendent, revealed that during the year Missouri Baptist baptized 14,097 new converts, boosting their membership total to 322,559. Total gifts for missions, education and benevolence were \$1,591,299.68 as compared with \$5,301,730.96 for home expenditures.

Dr. K. J. O'Banion, a layman of California, Mo., was elected moderator of the state group.

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PATTY LOU, GIRL FORESTER, by Basil Miller is a book of adventures in the High Sierras. There were enemies in the high mountains, but Patty Lou and her party, with God's help, fought those who were plotting against America. This book is published by Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Order from the publishers or from the Baptist Book Store for .75.

Board Expands Home Curriculum

By T. L. Holcomb

An expanded home curriculum for Christian family life education is being planned by the Sunday School Board under the direction of its department of Home Curriculum. It will function through the existing organizations for which the Sunday School Board bears direct responsibility. No new organizational machinery is contemplated, but rather the plan is to make full use for Christian family life education of these organizations which are already operating effectively. It is an outgrowth of much effective work done for years by the Board, especially through the Training Union and Sunday School. The Training Union has pioneered in sponsoring Christian Home Week, now promoted jointly by the Training Union and Sunday school.

Now it is planned to add additional materials in what will ultimately be a comprehensive home curriculum making use of all the appropriate church organizations.

The Department, now two years old, was set up in 1945 because of the urgent need for a planned, aggressive, positive ministry aimed at building spiritual values into home life. It has been headed from the outset by Joe W. Burton, with emphasis directed to the establishment of **Home Life**, A Christian Family Magazine, which in its first year has achieved a circulation of above 250,000.

The next publication of the department, now planned for early release, will be a handbook on **"The Church and Family Life"**, written by Burton. This manual will be a guide to pastors and other church workers.

The Board's plan of fostering Christian home life is based on the conviction that the most effective way of reaching the homes is through present church organizations. The church can use these organizations and their leadership to serve every home in the church's membership and to reach the home in the Church's constituency. The department will initiate plans to collaborate with other departments of the Board and other agencies in the production and promotion of home curriculum materials.

We would earnestly call upon our churches, their pastors and various leaders, upon our denominational leaders, and upon our colleges and seminaries to join us in a crusade for Christian homes, utilizing the material made available for this supremely important cause.

Pleasure

Here, then, is a standard that may divide between legitimate pleasures and illegitimate. It is clear that I have no right to enjoy a pleasure that can only be had at the risk of another man's life. That is a principle of very wide application. Some of us have applied it to the matter of intoxicating liquors. It is manifest that their sale can only be maintained, not merely at the risk but at the ruin, of innumerable men and women; we feel, therefore, as David felt, and conclude that we have no moral right to enjoy a pleasure which jeopardizes the lives and homes and characters of others. In all questionable pleasures, and in relation to the degree in which we may indulge pleasures that are not in themselves questionable, this story of David and the water from the well of Bethlehem may prove a very useful guide. And if a proposed pursuit will not satisfactorily pass the order of this crucible, it is, at any rate, safer to abjure it. Life consists not in self-indulgence, but in self-denial. According to Balzac's fable of the Magic Skin, he who wore it possessed the power to obtain anything he craved; but every time he availed himself of that mysterious power the skin shrank and compressed him, until at length it crushed his life out. The finest instincts of the soul may often be developed by self-sacrifice, and ruined by gratification. In cases of doubt it is best to deny.

It is recorded of the great Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, that, in all matters of personal indulgence, he asked himself three questions. First, is it lawful? that is, may I do it and not sin? Second, Is it becoming in me as a Christian? that is, may I do it and not wrong my profession? Third, Is it expedient? that is, may I do it and not wrong the weaker brothers?

One dream a dream. He was chasing Pleasure. He hunted her up hill and down dale, but could not clutch her skirts. At length he gave up the chase in despair. And lo, as he abandoned it, he saw One approaching him with marks of wounds in His hands and feet, with scars as of thorn on His brow. "My ways are ways of pleasantness," He said, "and all My paths are peace." And so, he took the Stranger's hand and they walked together. And as they walked, Pleasure returned and took the other hand, and he found that by yielding to the persuasions of the Christ he had obtained the company of Pleasure too. — F. W. B. Australian Baptist.

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Youth Need Morals

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y. — The example of American youth who "have the courage to lead 100 per cent Christian lives" is needed to raise the nation's "very low morality standards," says Gil Dodds, track star and coach, who holds the world's indoor record for the mile.

Speaking at the opening of North Tonawanda's seven-day Golden Jubilee celebration, Dodds told 400 youths they "must learn the true value of life and not be willing to sell themselves out for a brief moment of pleasure and satisfaction."

"Just as an athlete must pay the price. The one trouble in America is that youth is not paying the price. The morality level of American youth is very low."

"A Christian pays the price of sacrificing some of the world's material

The Gospel Under the Skies

C. P. Chastain, Pastor

Lucas Avenue Baptist Church,
Laurens, S.C.

The Baptist Churches of the Laurens Association, South Carolina, Sponsored for the second time a fifteen-day Association-wide revival held on the Laurens Athletic field, with Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Seminary, doing the preaching, and Mr. W. Plunkett Martin, professor of music at the New Orleans Seminary, leading the singing.

Last year it was purely an experiment in mass evangelism, with all of the 33 churches of the Laurens Association cooperating. However, this year we did not feel that it was entirely an experiment because of the success of the previous year. The 33 churches entered whole heartily; some rented, bought, and used school buses and trucks to bring the people from all over the county. I think it may be truly stated that the largest crowds ever to assemble in Laurens County attended the meetings. Beginning with an attendance of over 4000, the revival attracted and drew larger and larger congregations until the final service when nearly 7000 worshiped in the closing service; many of these came from adjacent counties, some coming as far as 75 miles away to attend these services.

The seating arrangement was on this order: approximately 1000 of the people were seated on a cement grandstand facing the speaker's platform which was across the field on the opposite side. Seats to care for 2000 were built and placed on the athletic field. The bleachers, made of wood, just behind the speaker's platform, seated the choir of over 200 people, with some 500 seated to the right of the choir. Hundreds of others brought pillows, blankets, quilts and paper and sat about on the grass. Because of inclement weather it was necessary for us to carry the service three evenings to the First Baptist Church. On each occasion the church was filled and all Sunday school rooms, where a public address system was installed, were packed to capacity with many more not able to get in for worship. I might add such an undertaking out-of-doors is wholly dependent upon a public address system.

Over 50 souls definitely professed faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, and many hundreds accepted the invitation to rededicate themselves wholly to the Lord. At one service, over 4000 stood and repeated phrase by phrase with him a statement of rededication. People were moved as they had never been moved before in pledging their allegiance to the Living Christ. The closing service was another, long to be remembered by the people of Laurens county, when more than 100 professed their faith in Christ, or surrendered their lives for Christian service.

Plans are already being made to have another meeting next year with the hope of reaching 15,000 people for our Christ.

gains, or perhaps losing friends and leaving loved ones. But in being a Christian you gain the best life has to offer with true happiness and joy and also gain life everlasting," he said. — Selected.